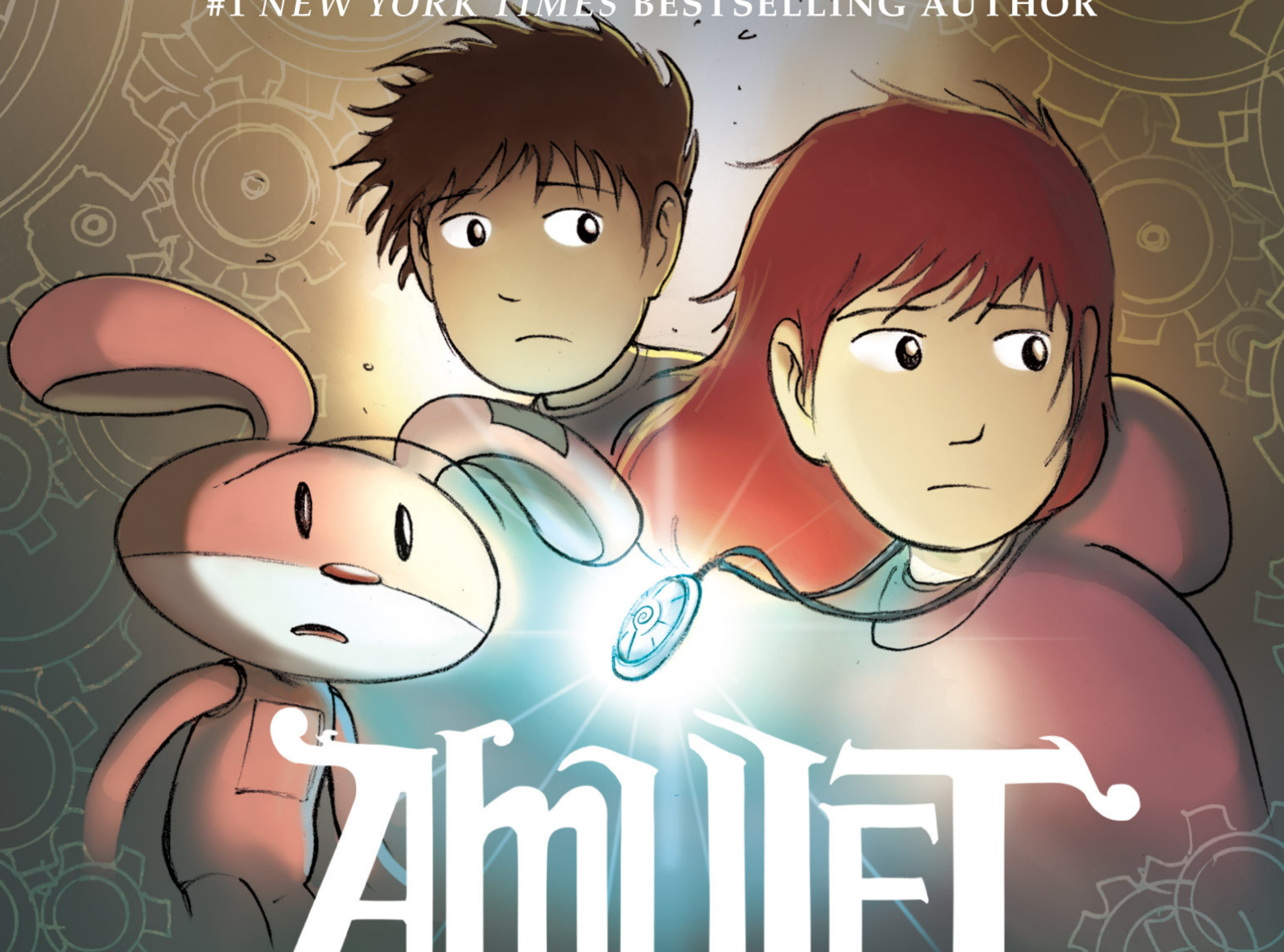


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WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO PICK UP NAVIN
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.
WE'RE
LATE.

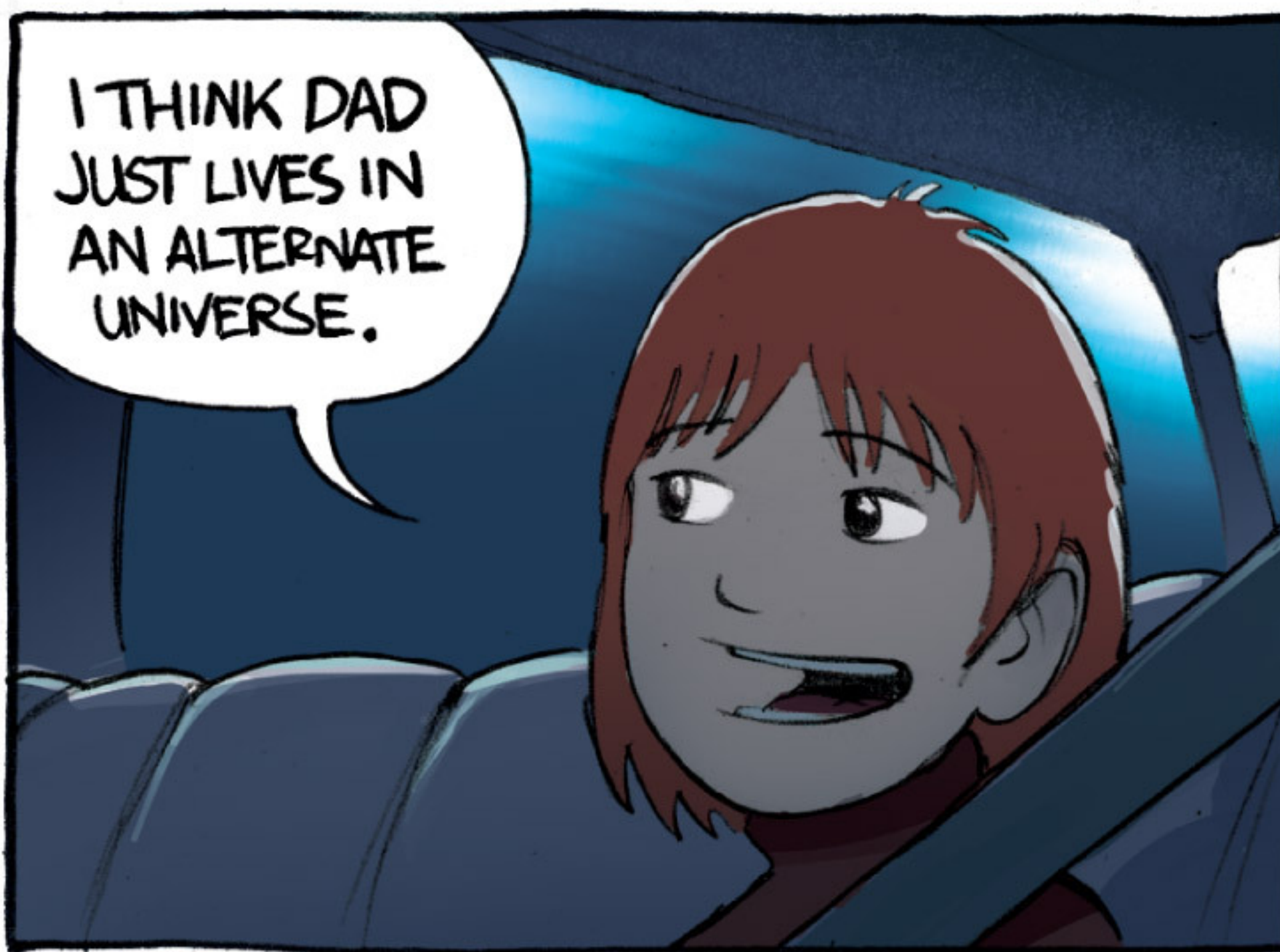


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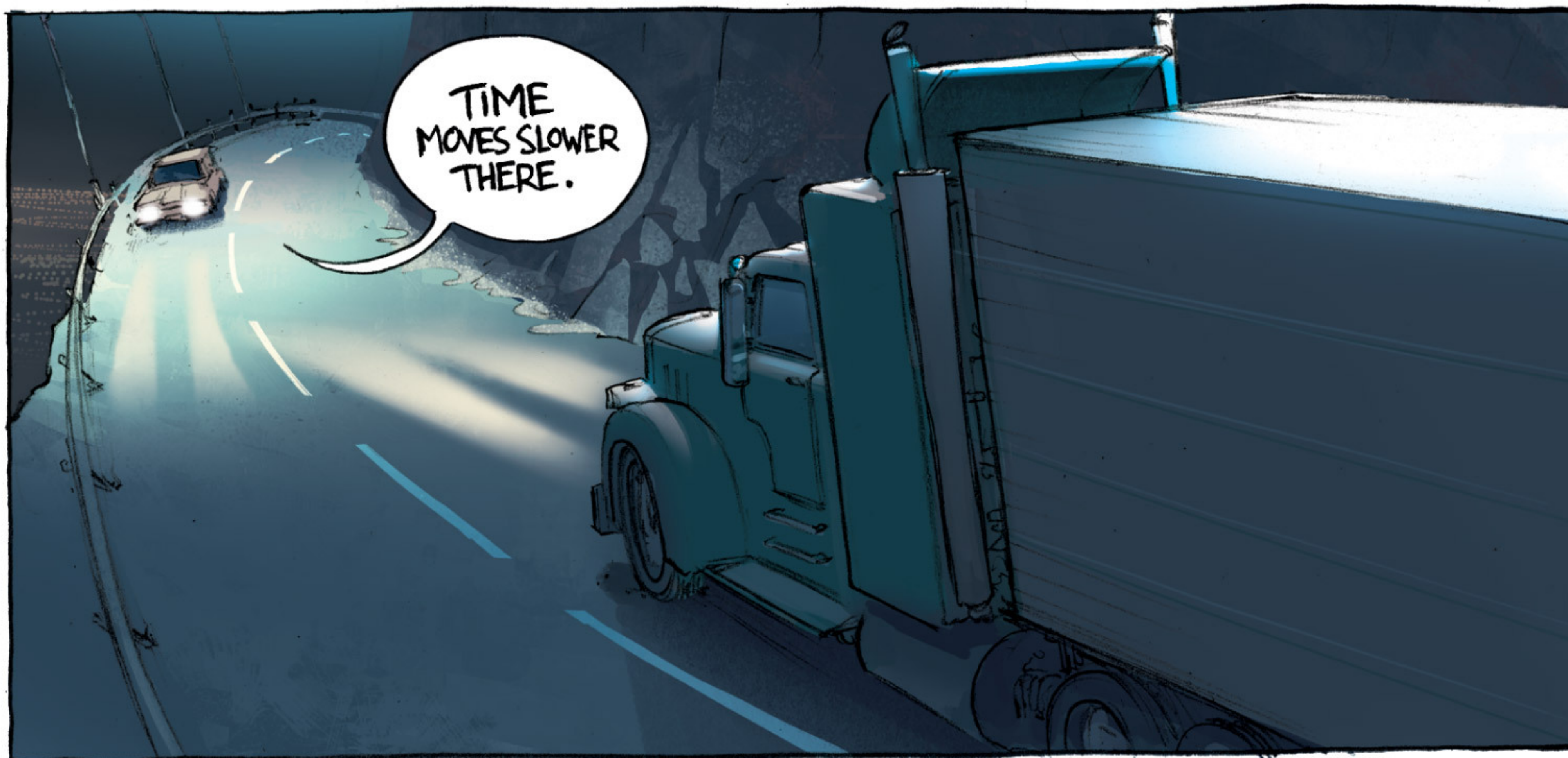
AT LEAST
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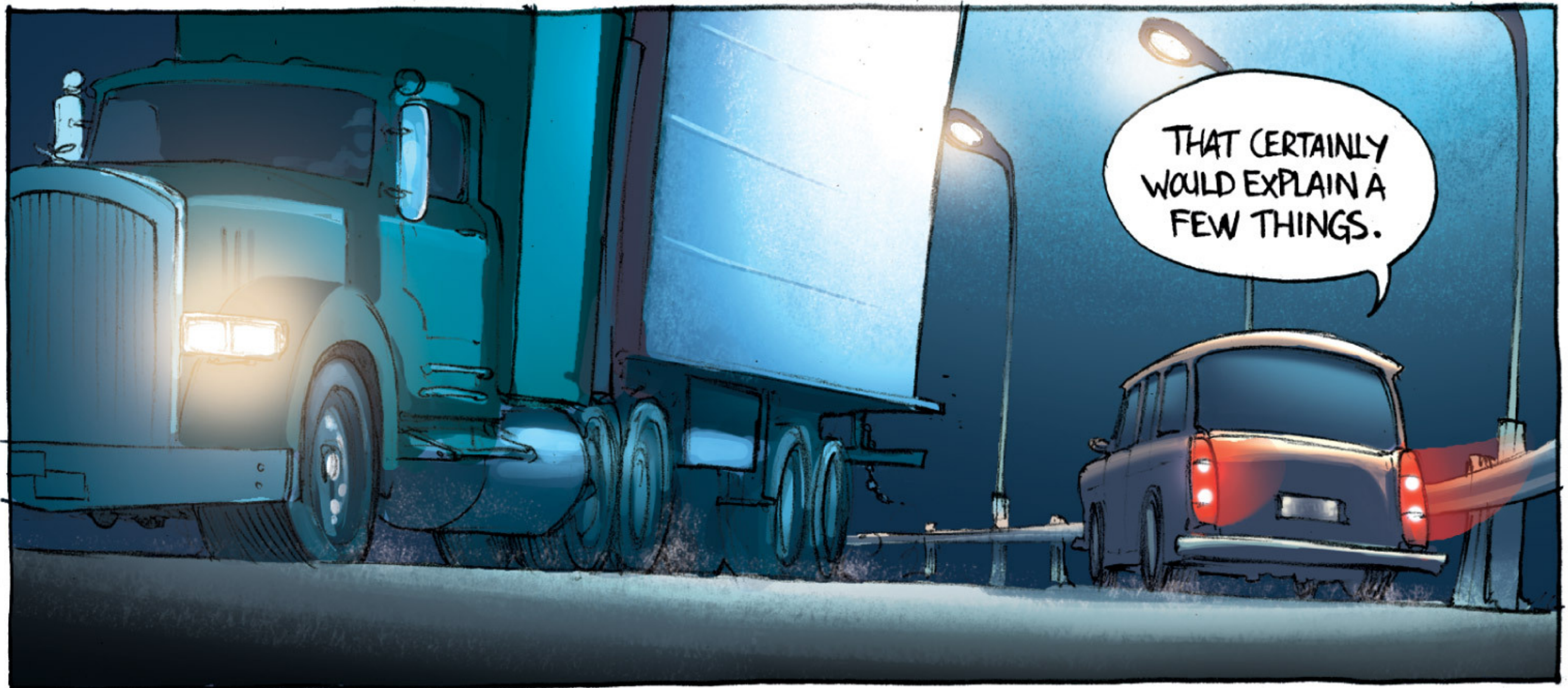
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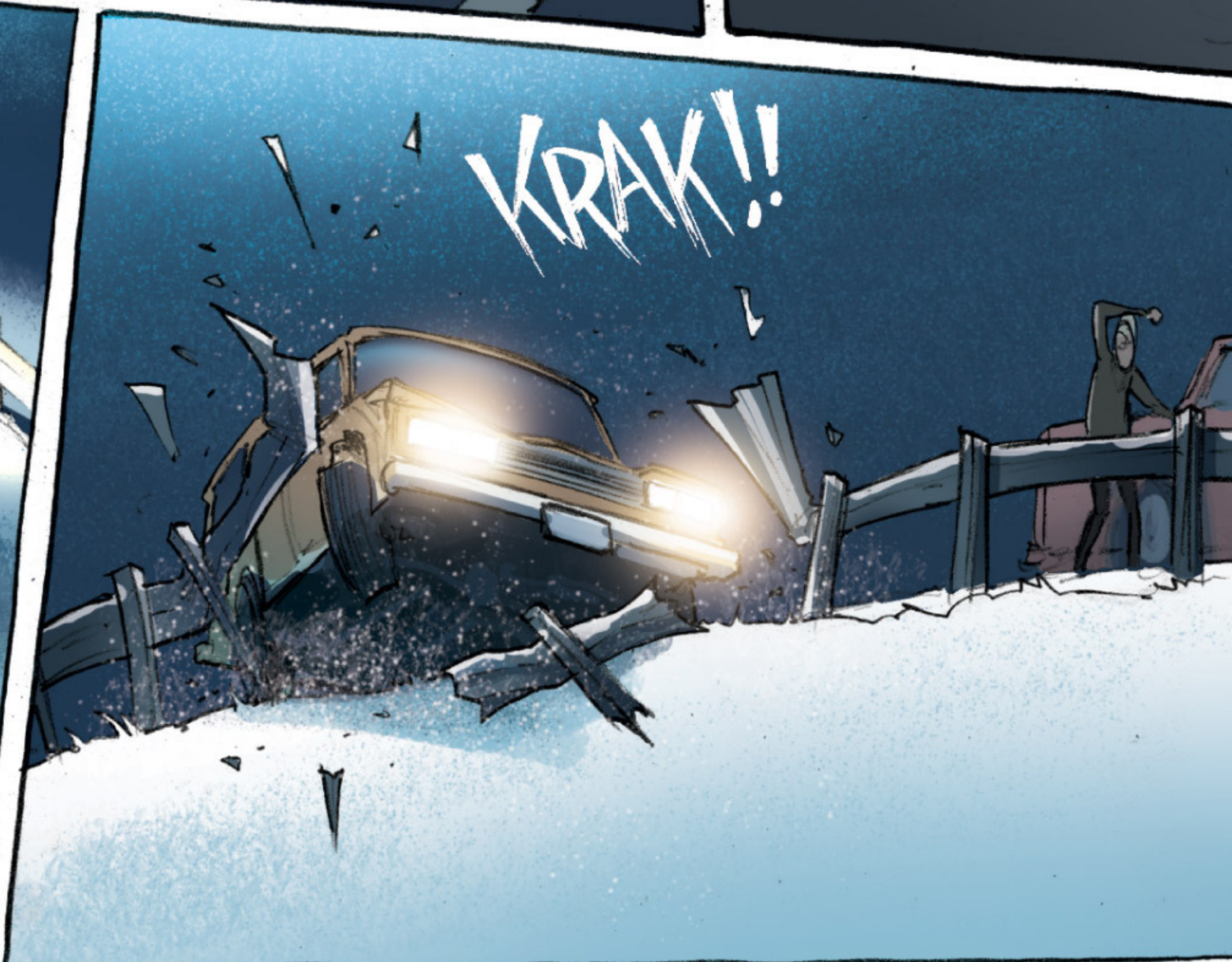


I THINK DAD
JUST LIVES IN
AN ALTERNATE
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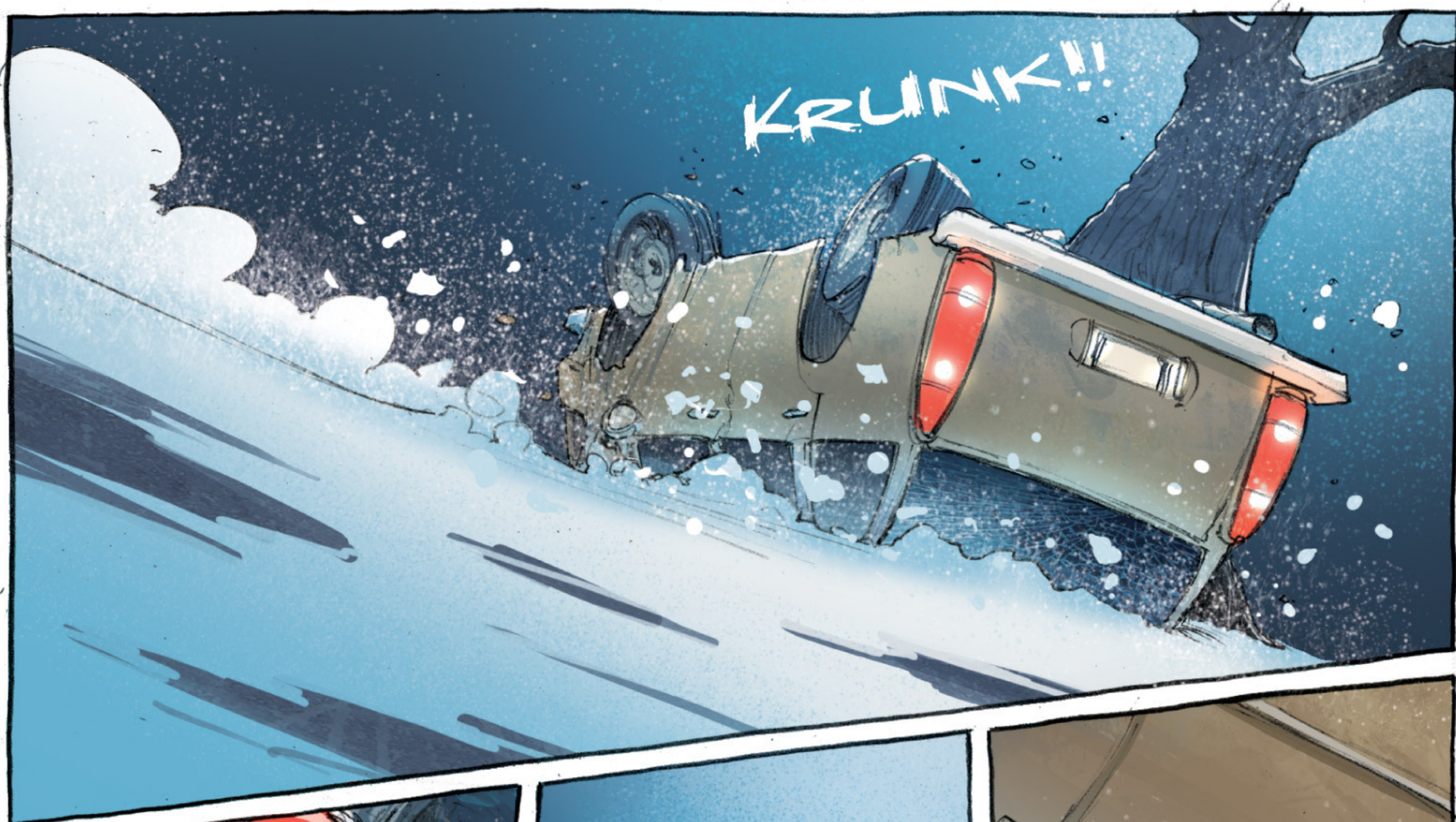


TIME
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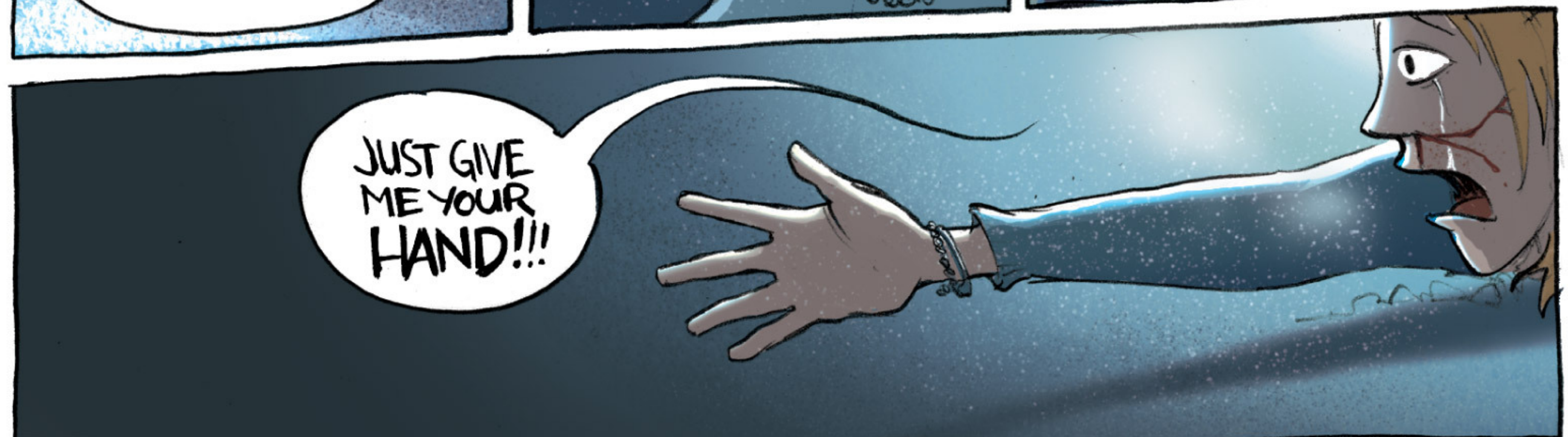
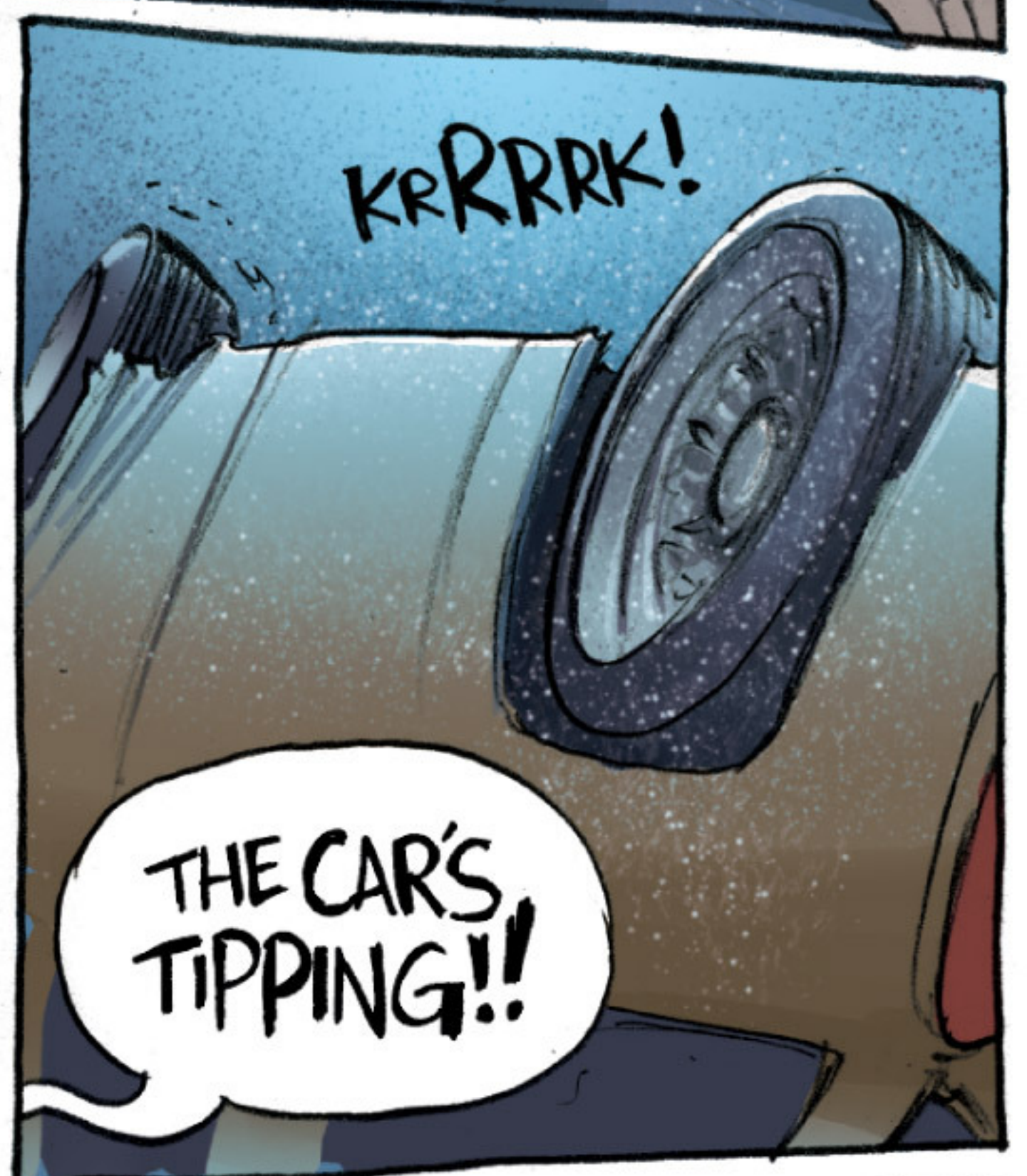
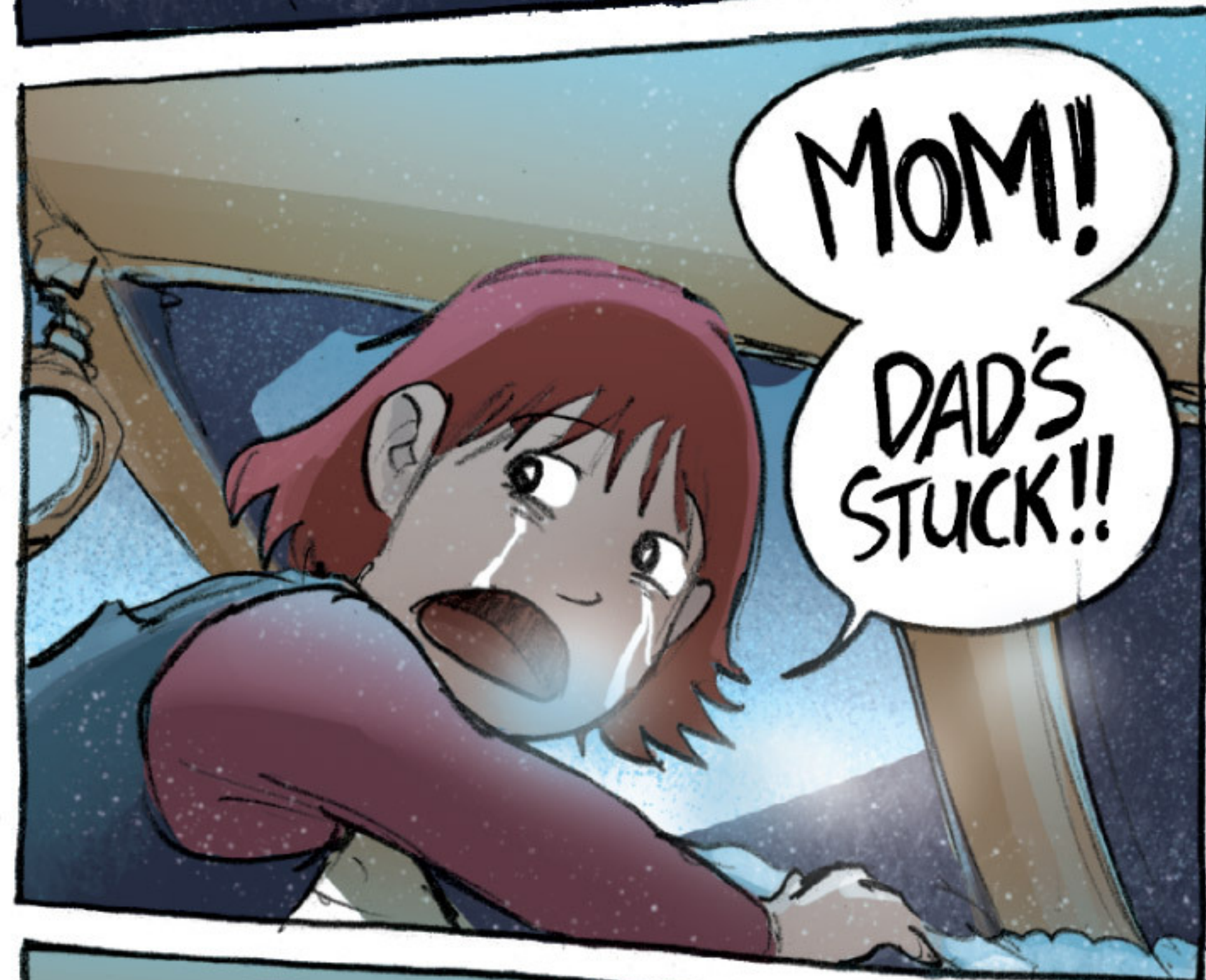


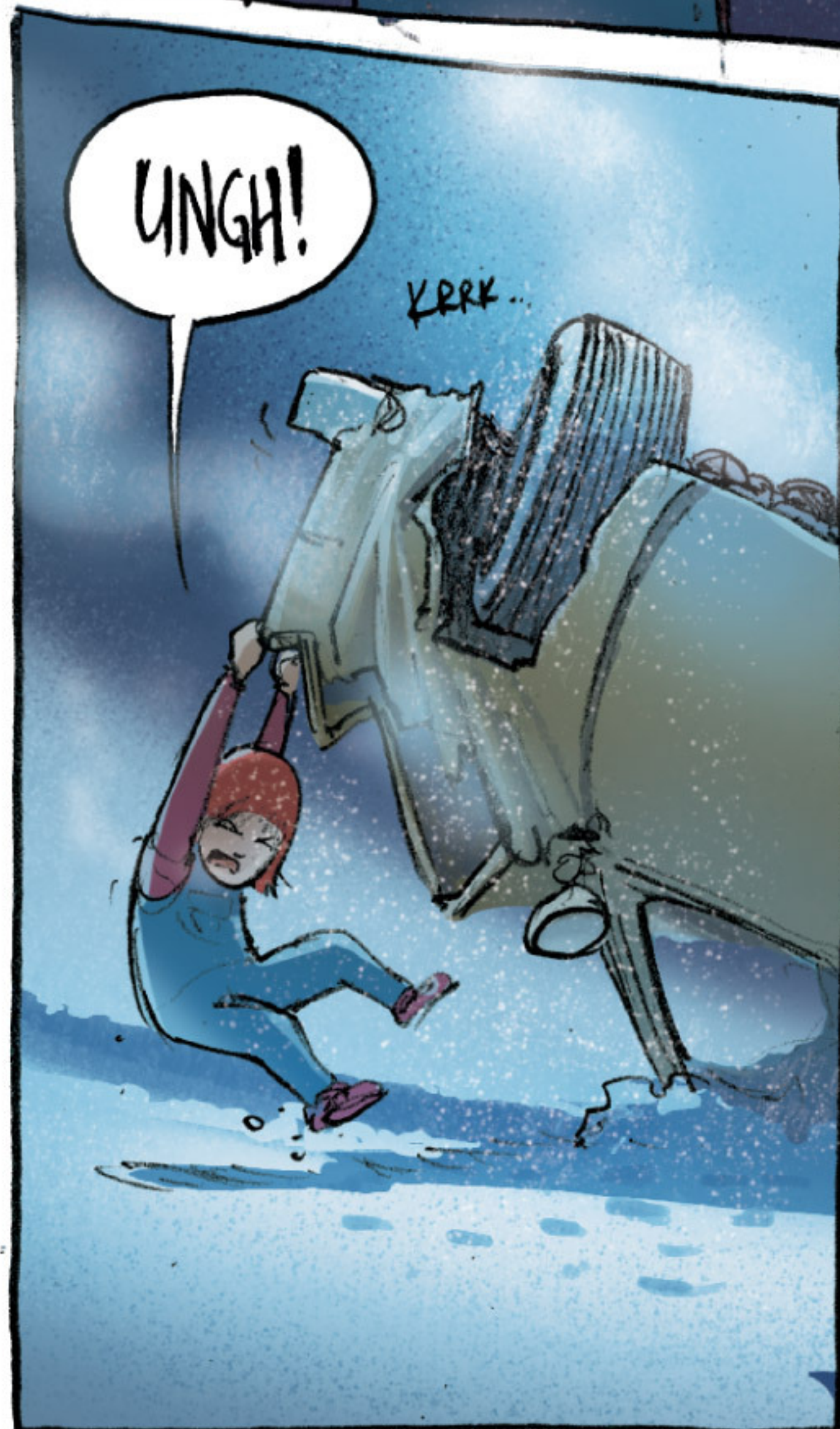
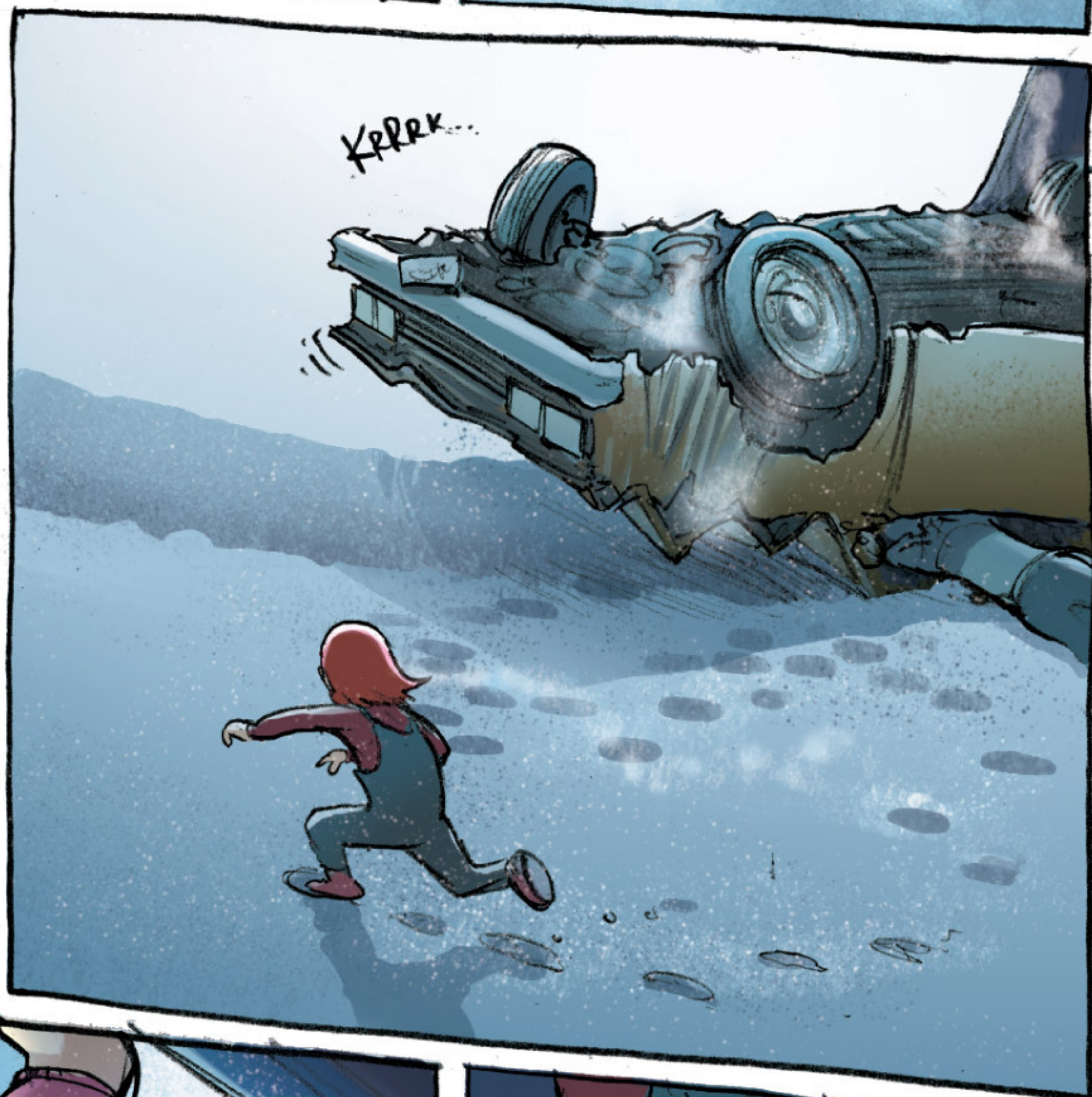
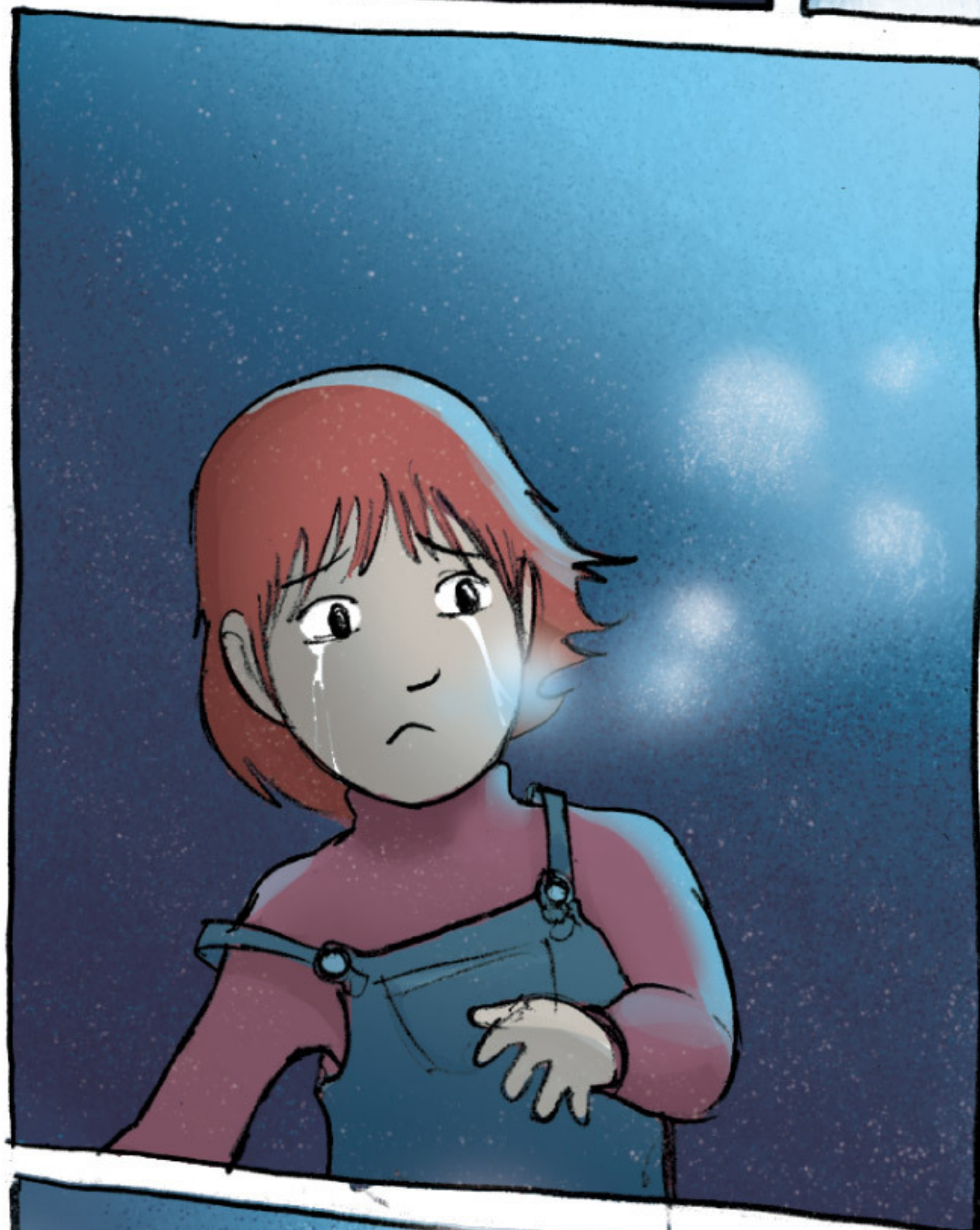


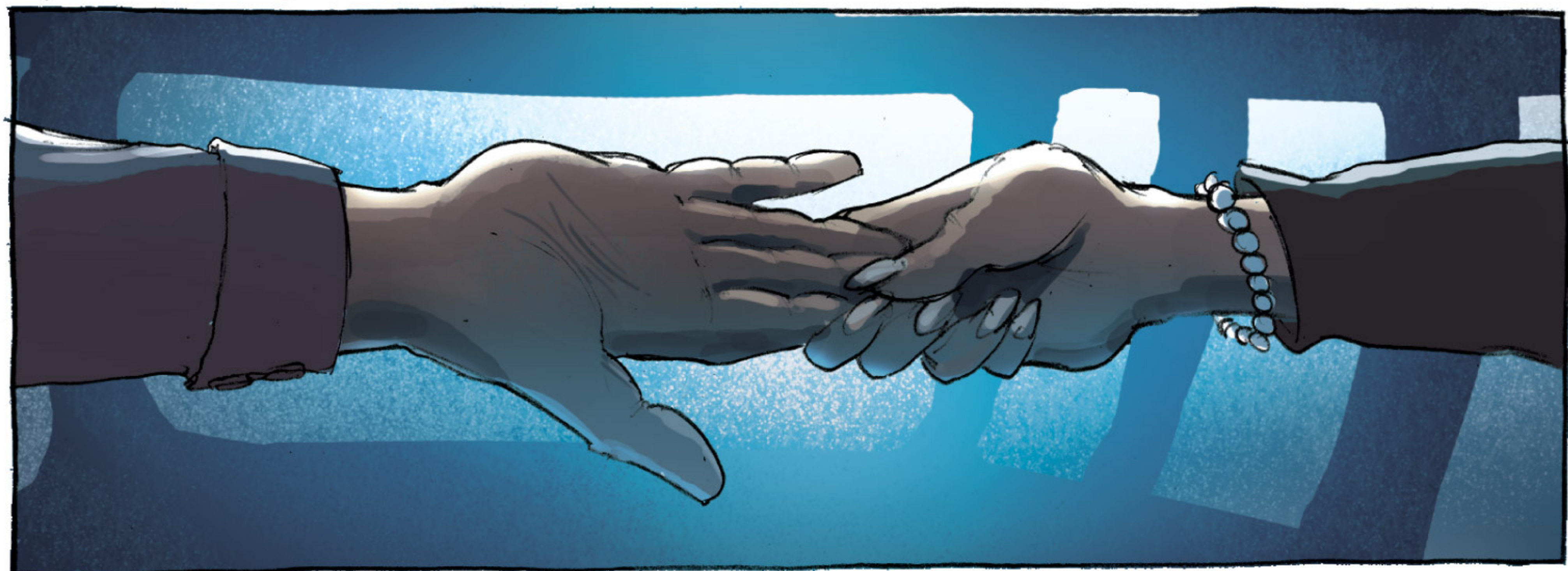
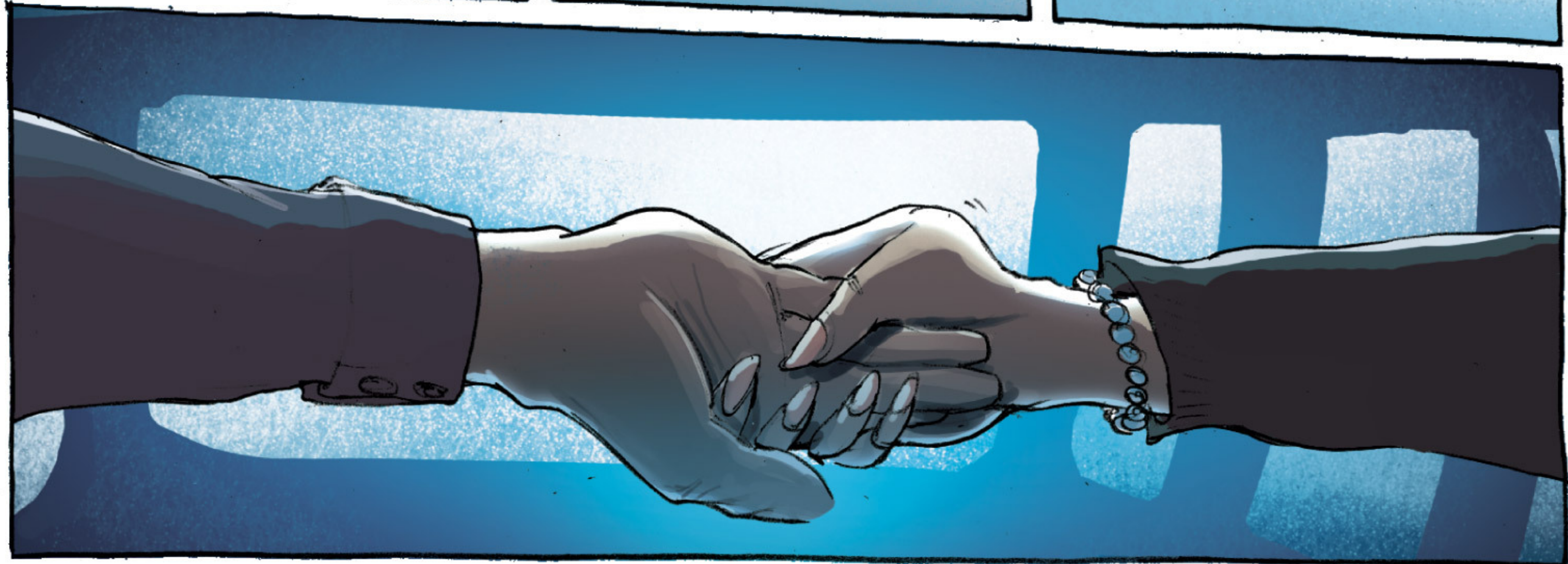
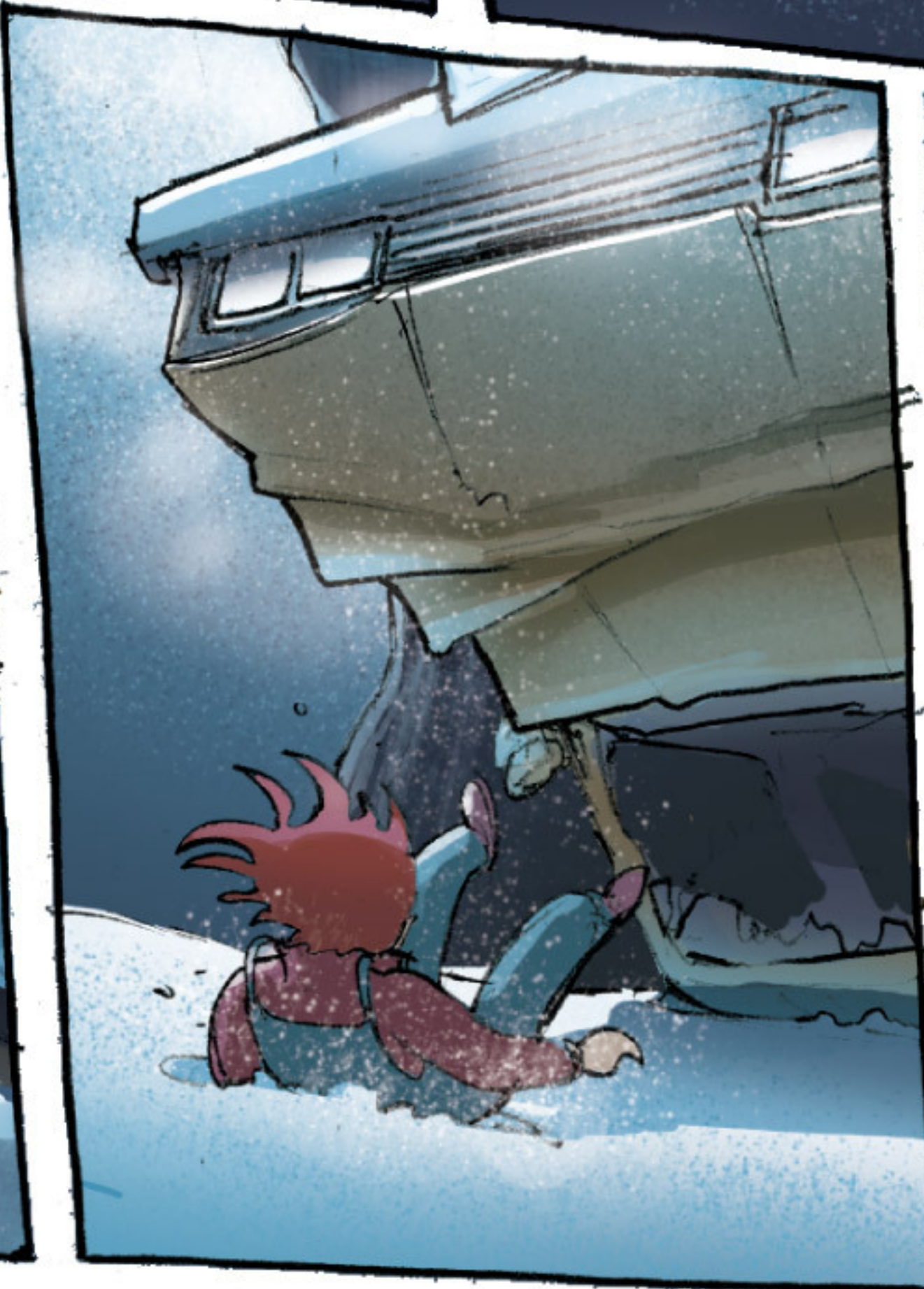


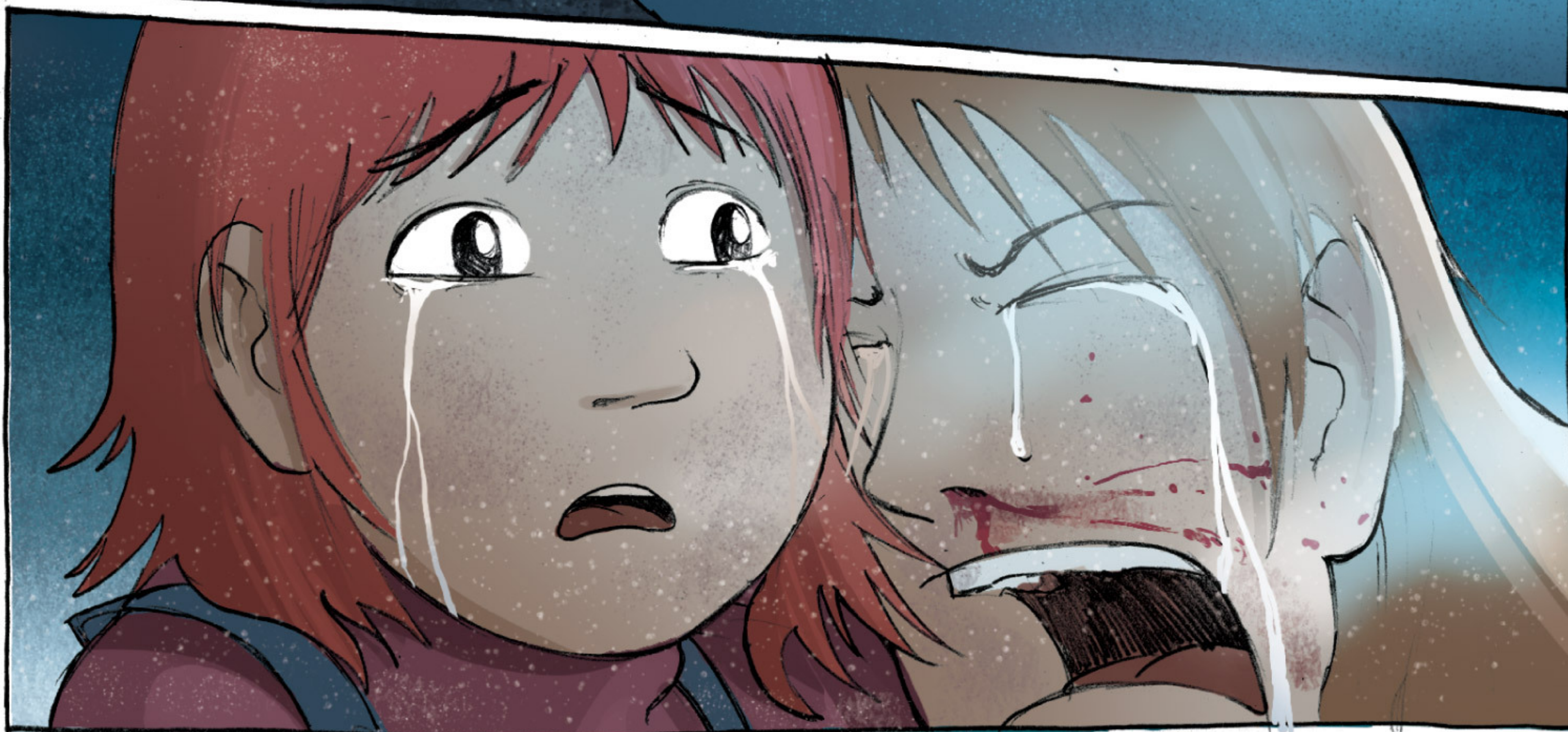
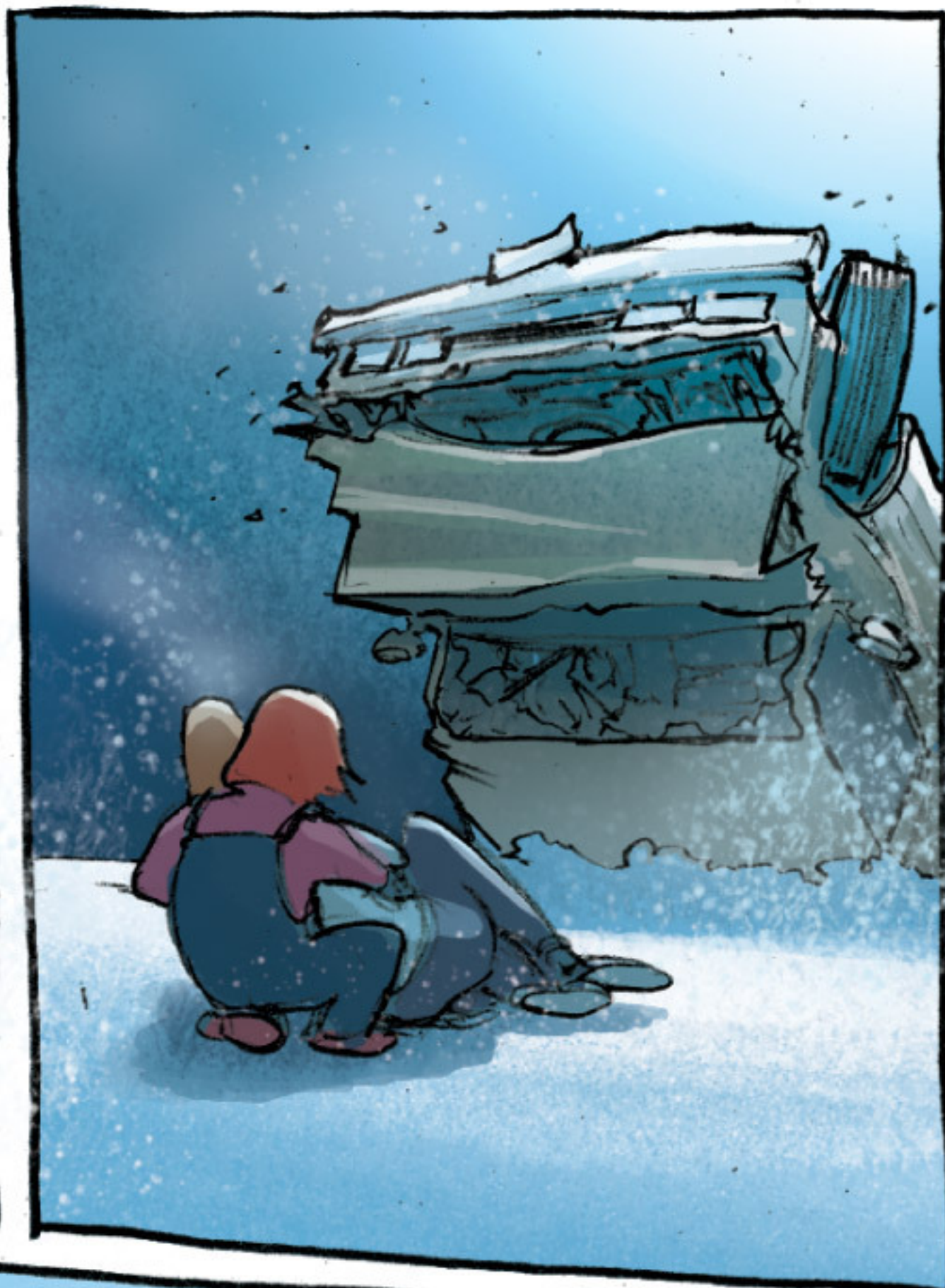






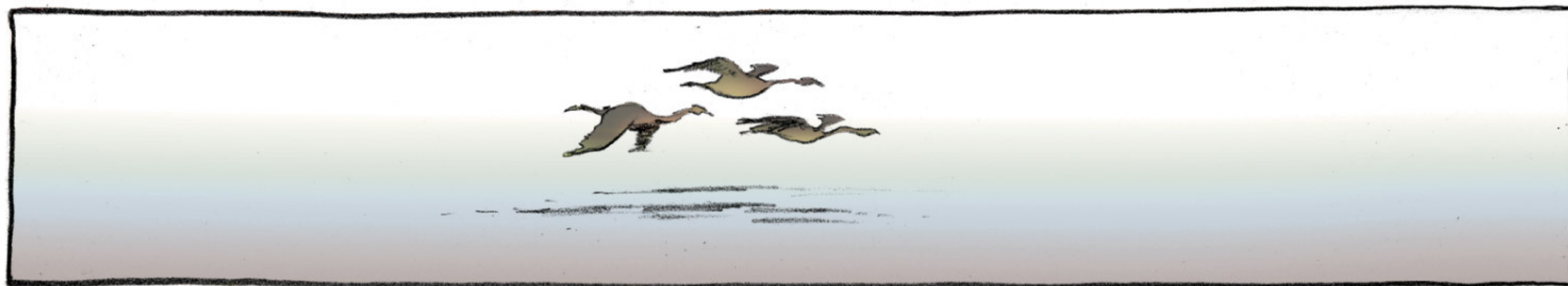
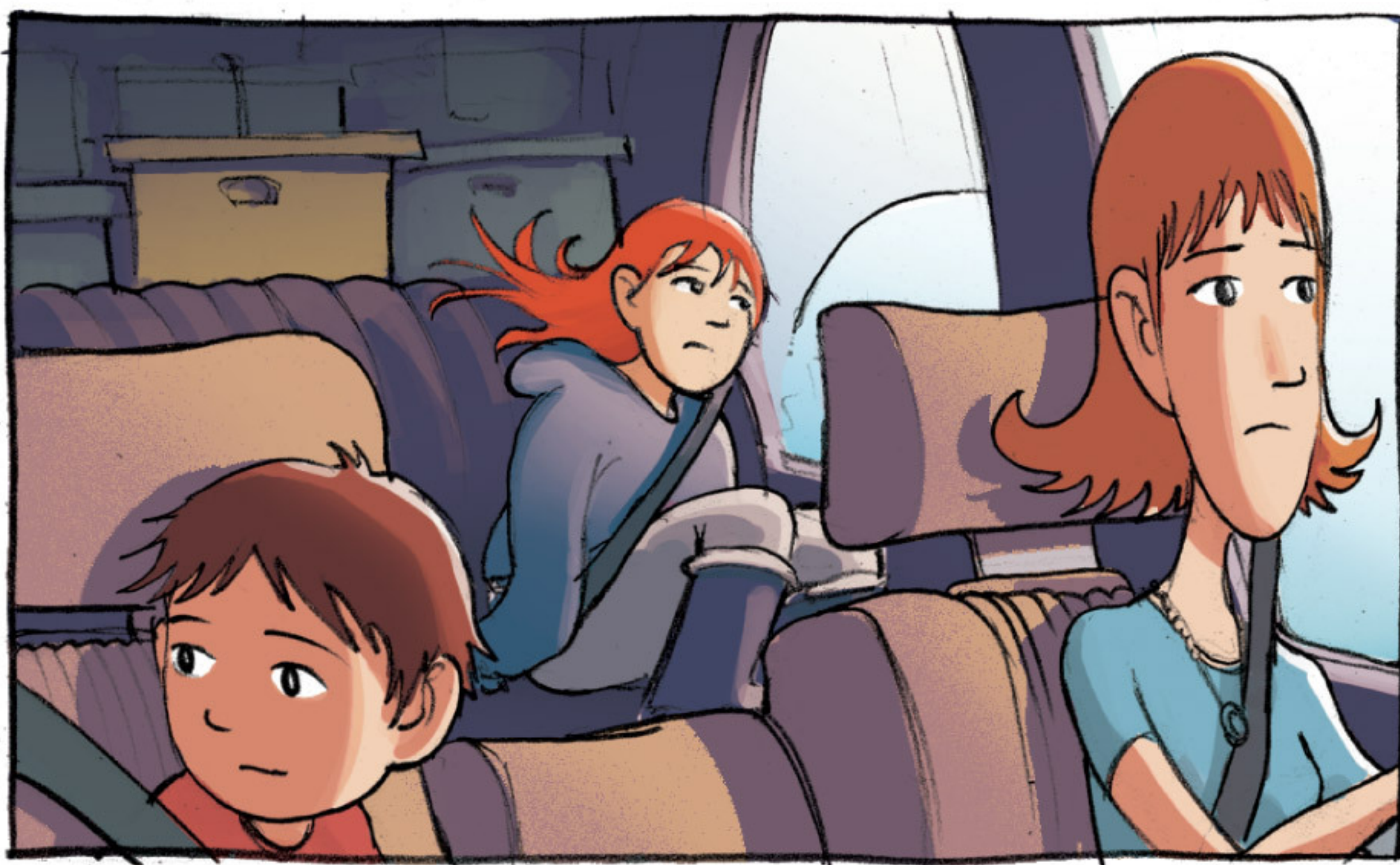
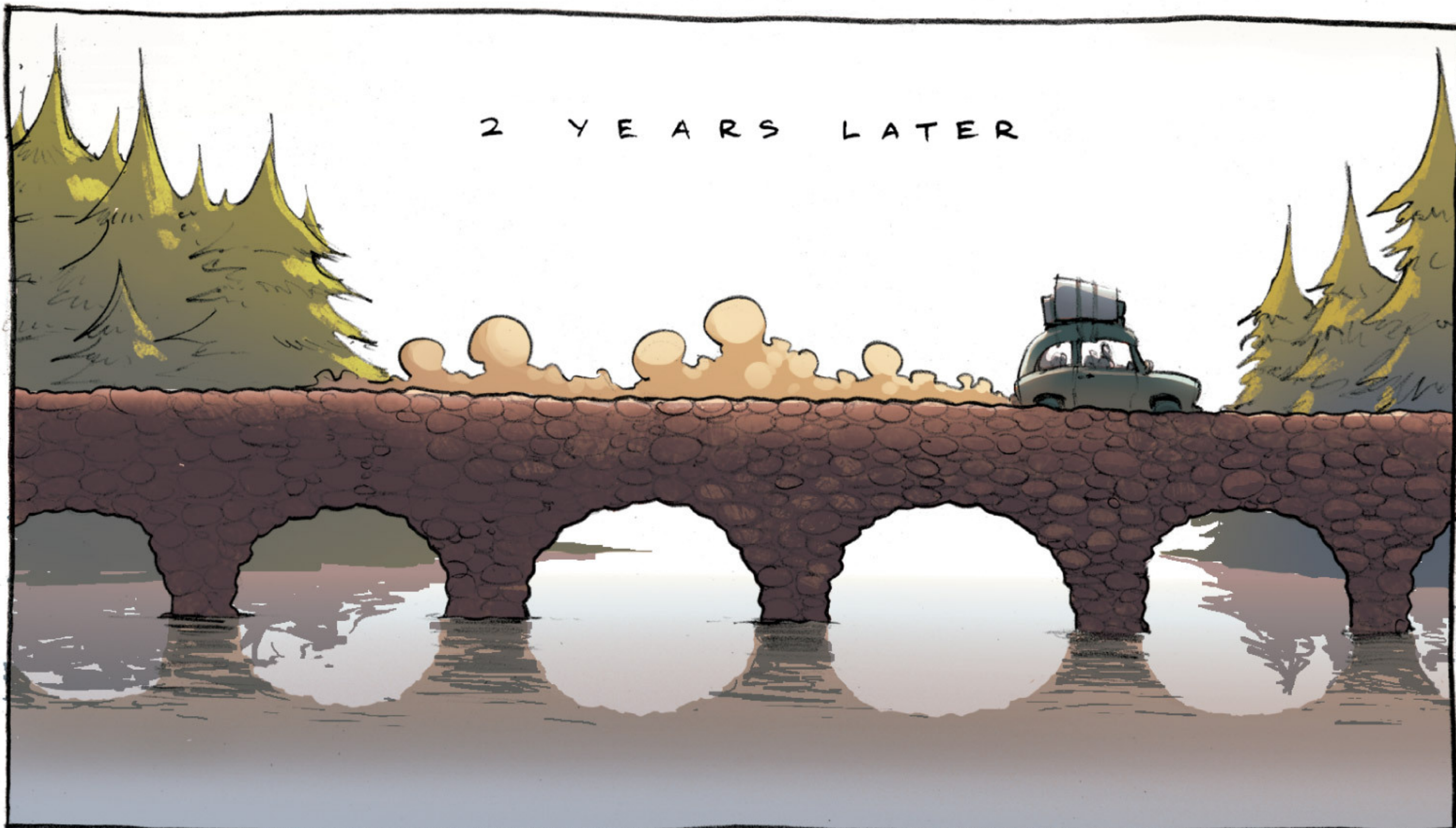


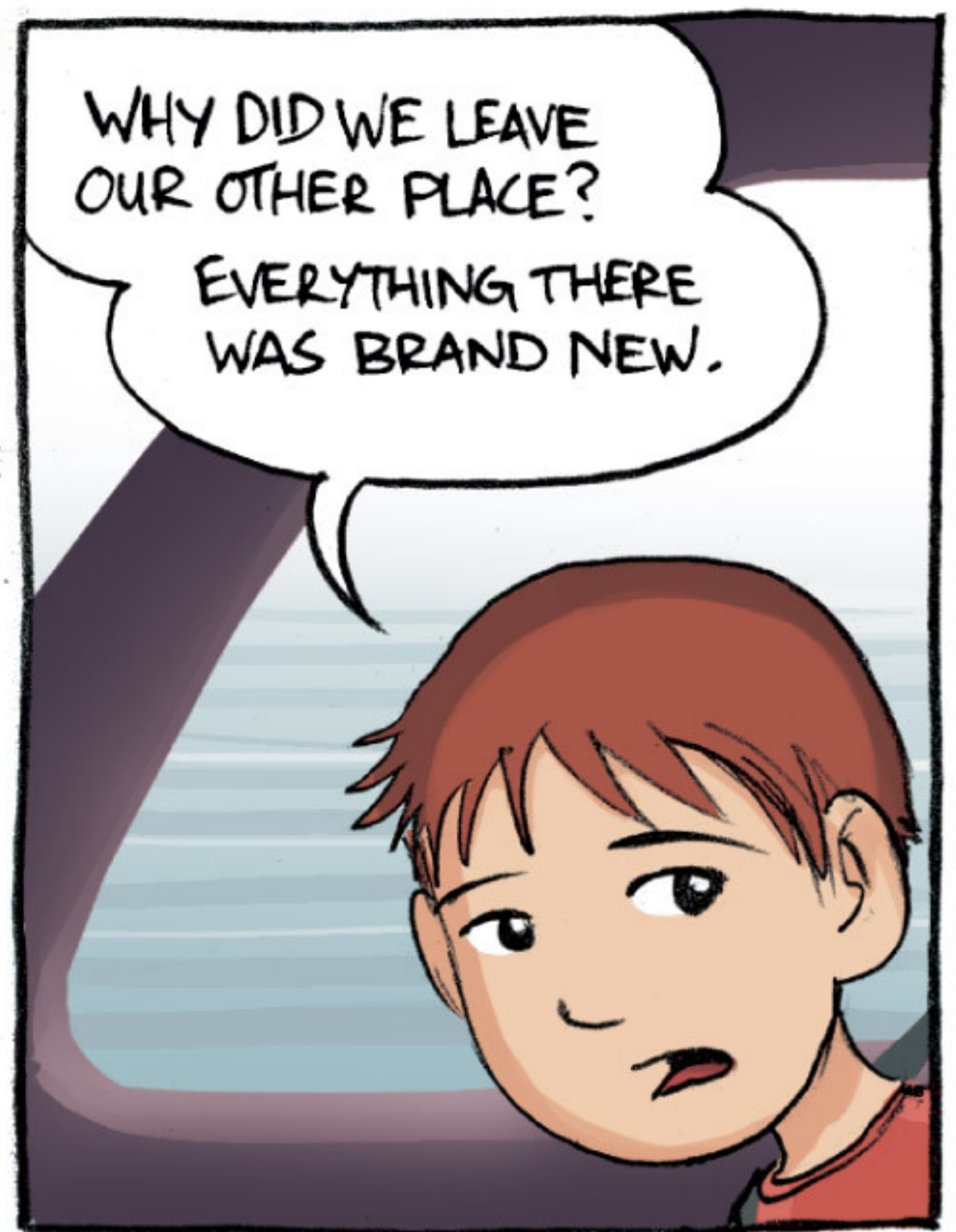
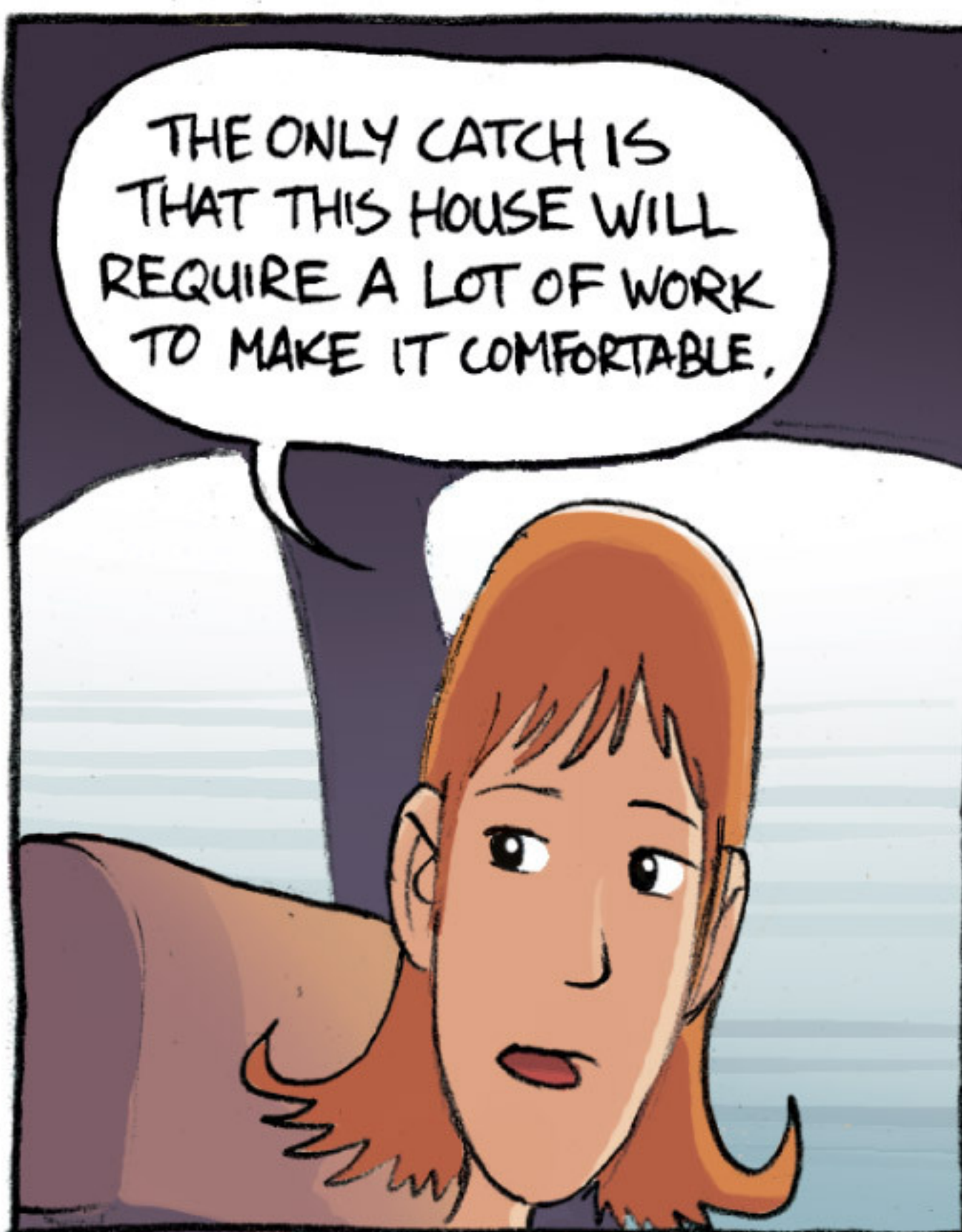
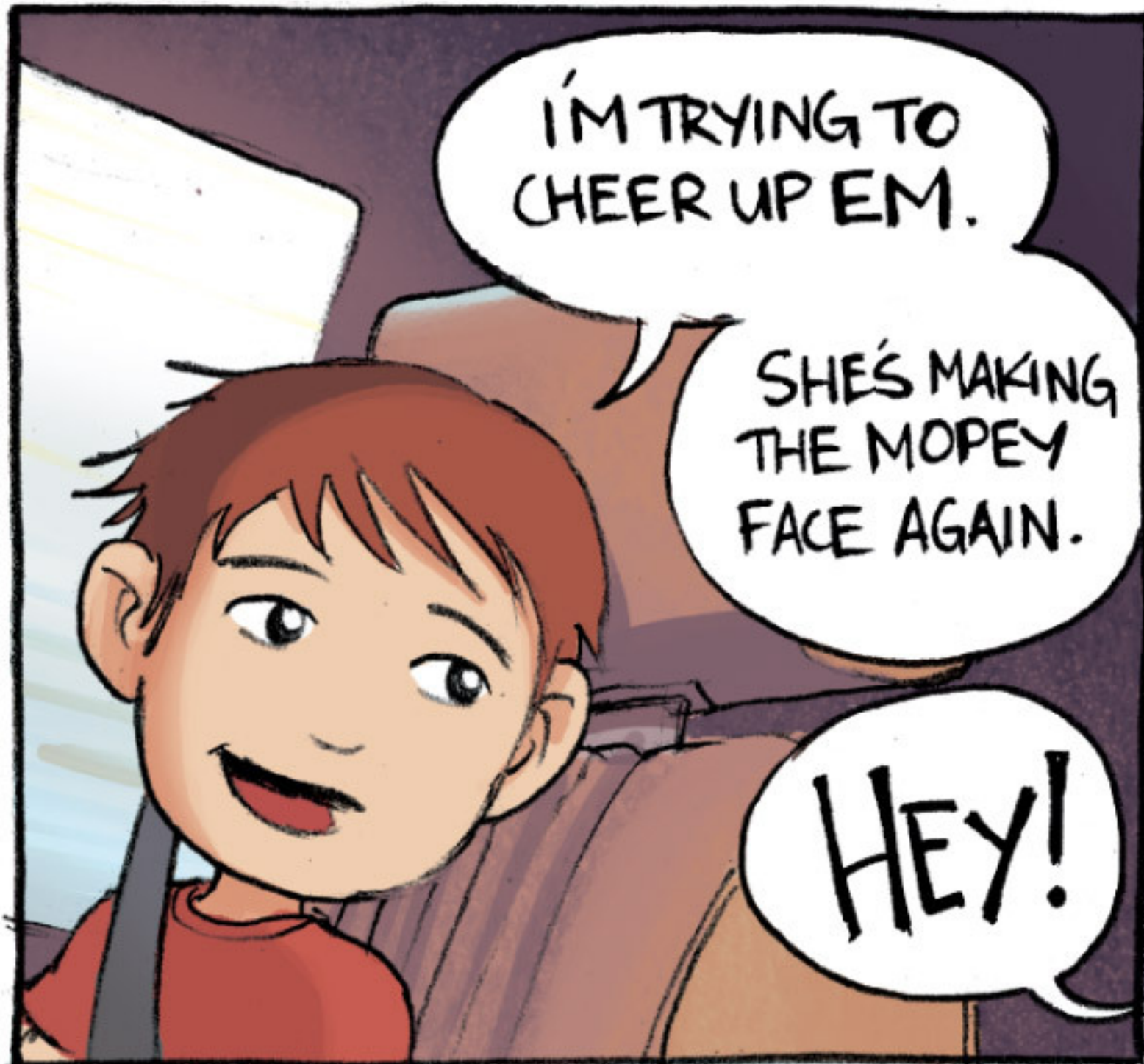






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UNFORTUNATELY, NEW THINGS COST A LOT.

SINCE YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THAT HOUSE,

AT LEAST OUT HERE, WE WON'T BE UNDER QUITE AS MUCH FINANCIAL STRAIN.

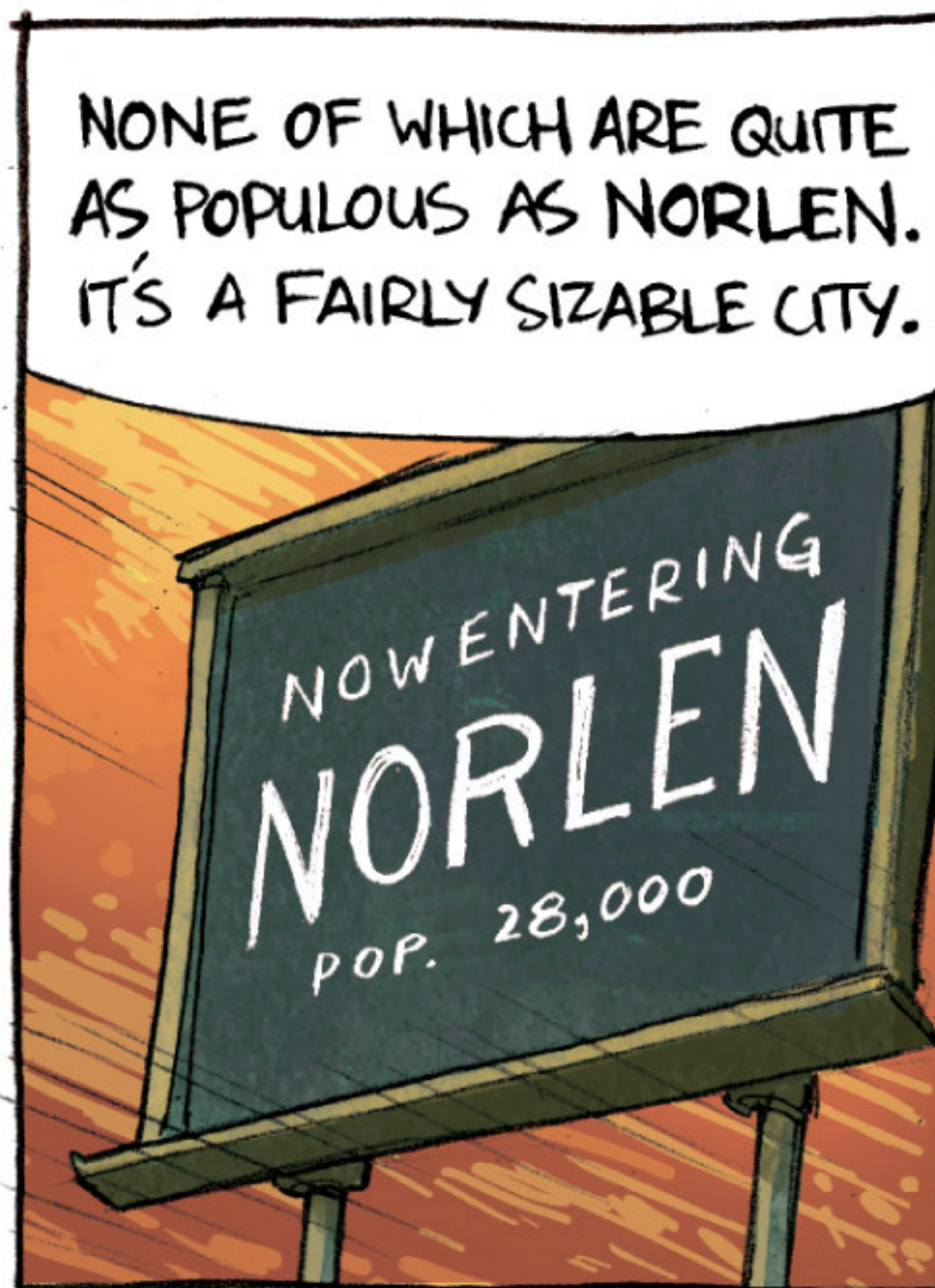
THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN IN THE FAMILY FOR YEARS.



MOM, WE'RE OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.



THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES IN THIS COUNTRY THAT ARE OUT IN "THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE" --



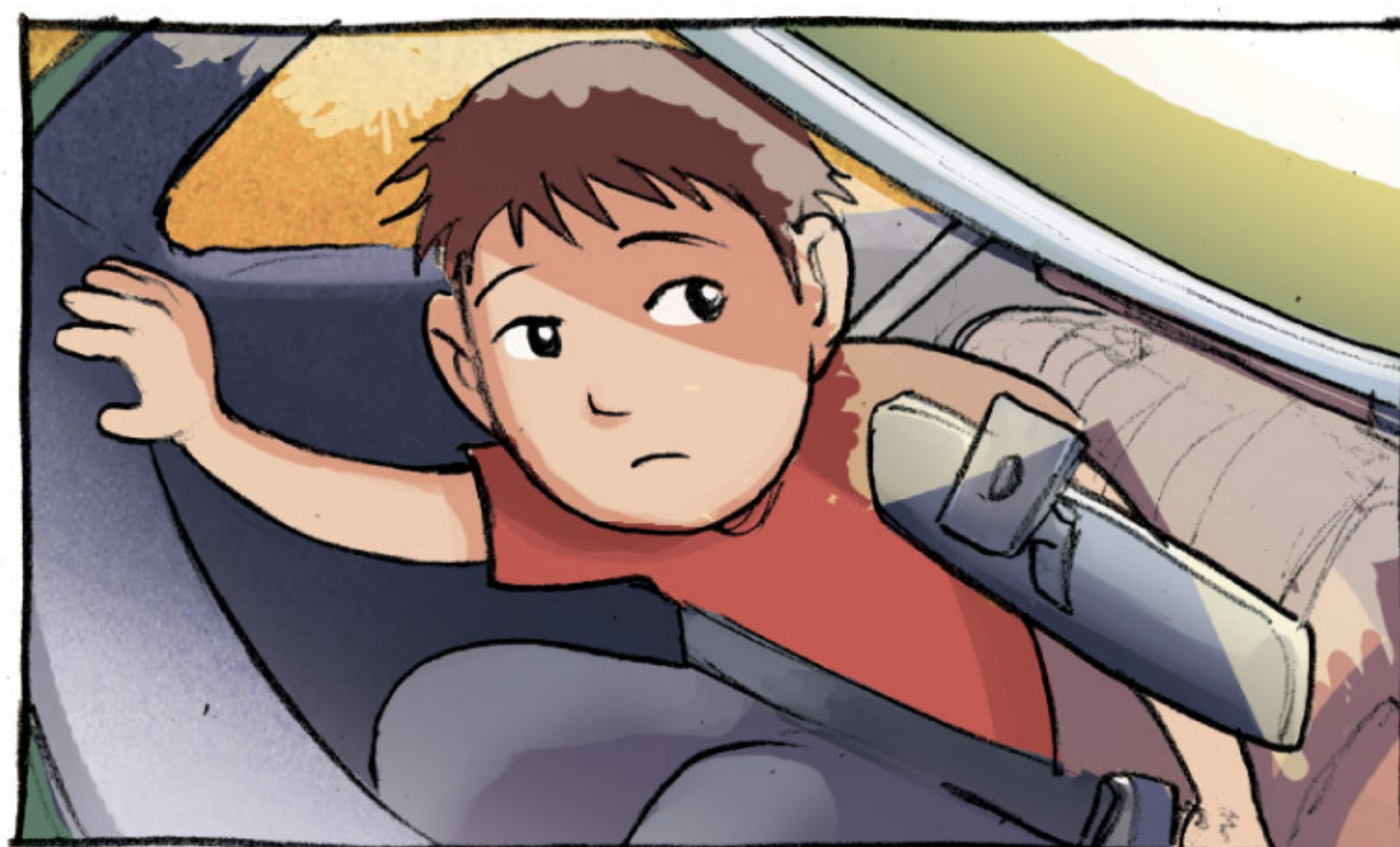
NONE OF WHICH ARE QUITE AS POPULOUS AS NORLEN. IT'S A FAIRLY SIZABLE CITY.

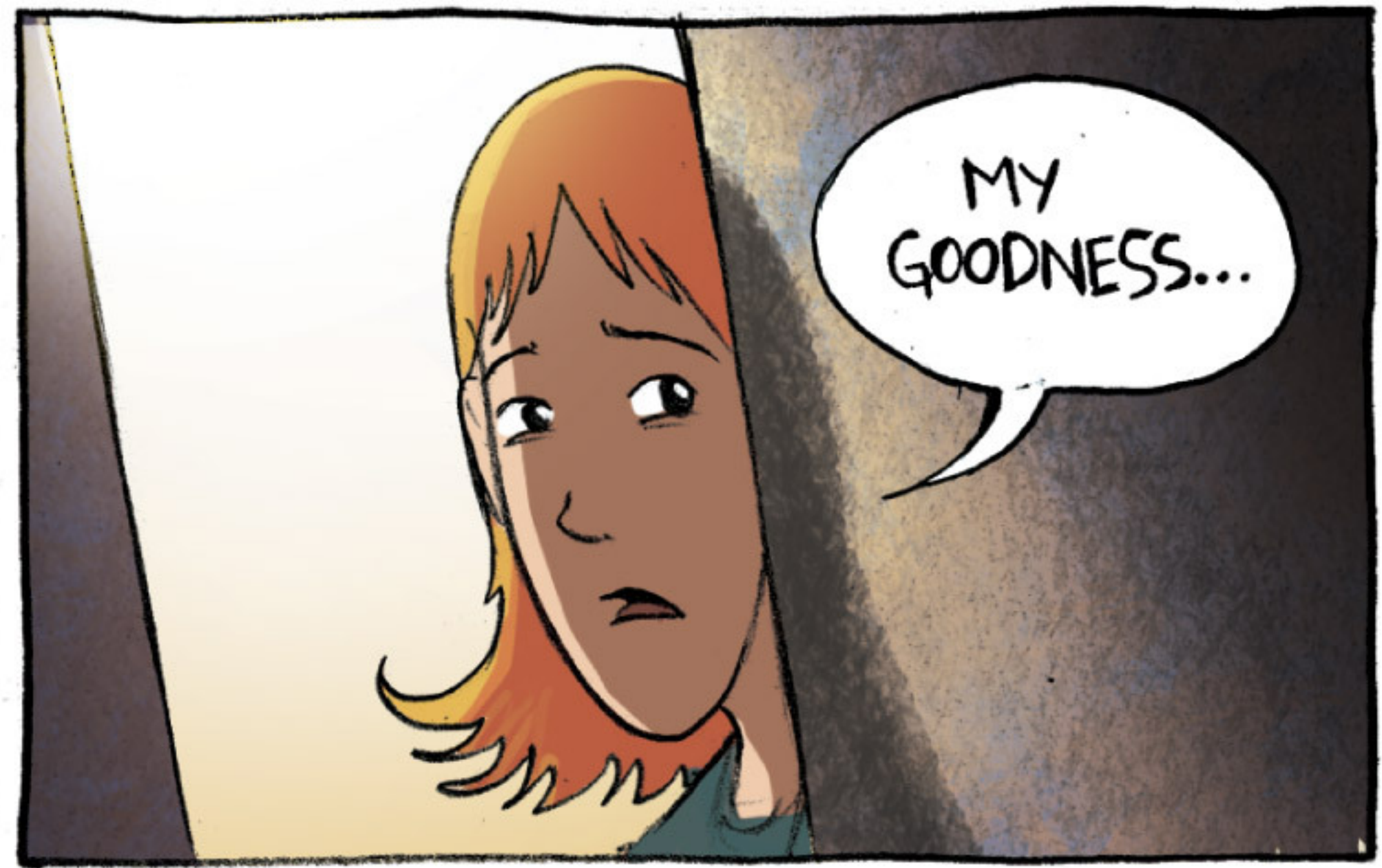
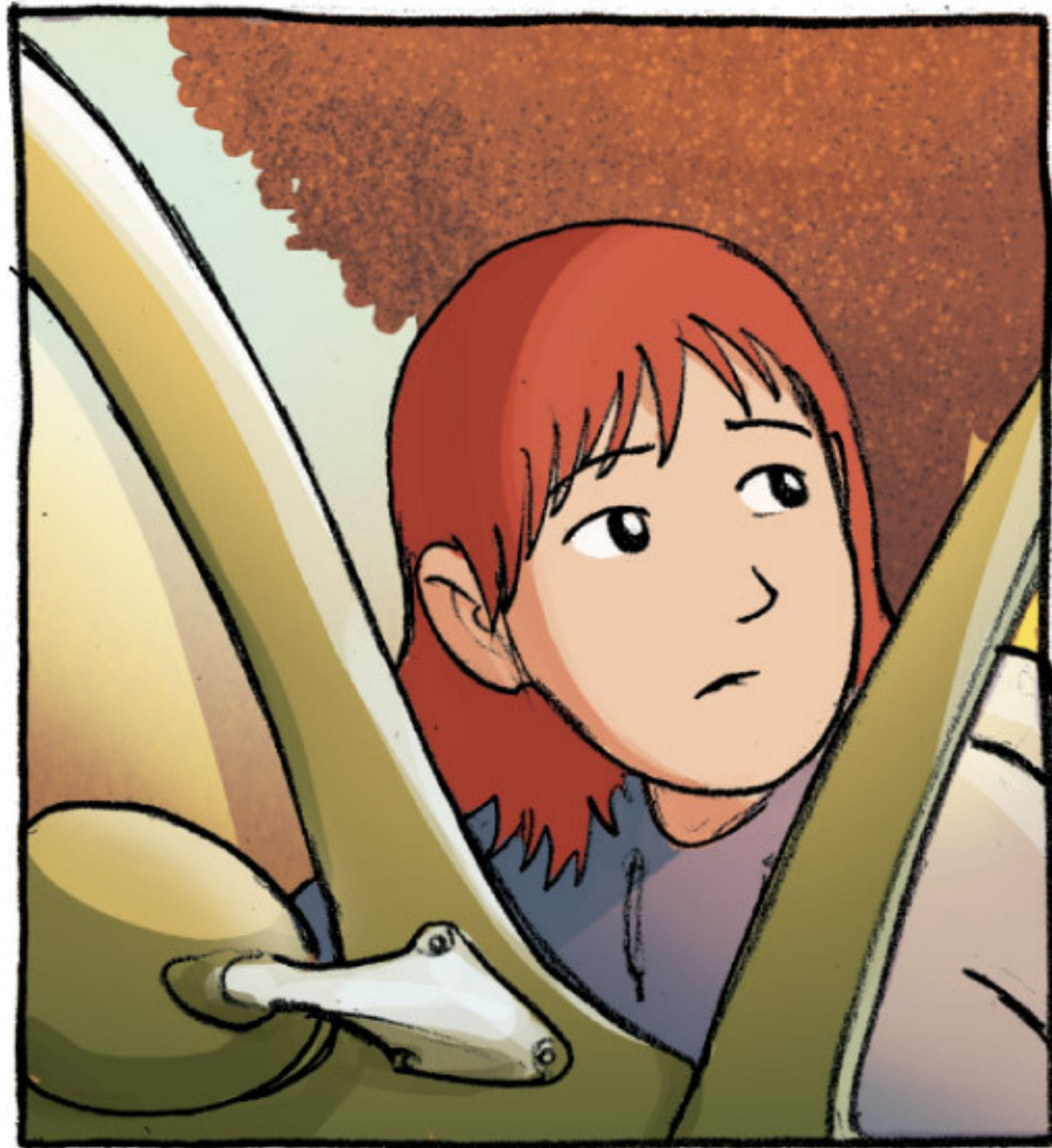


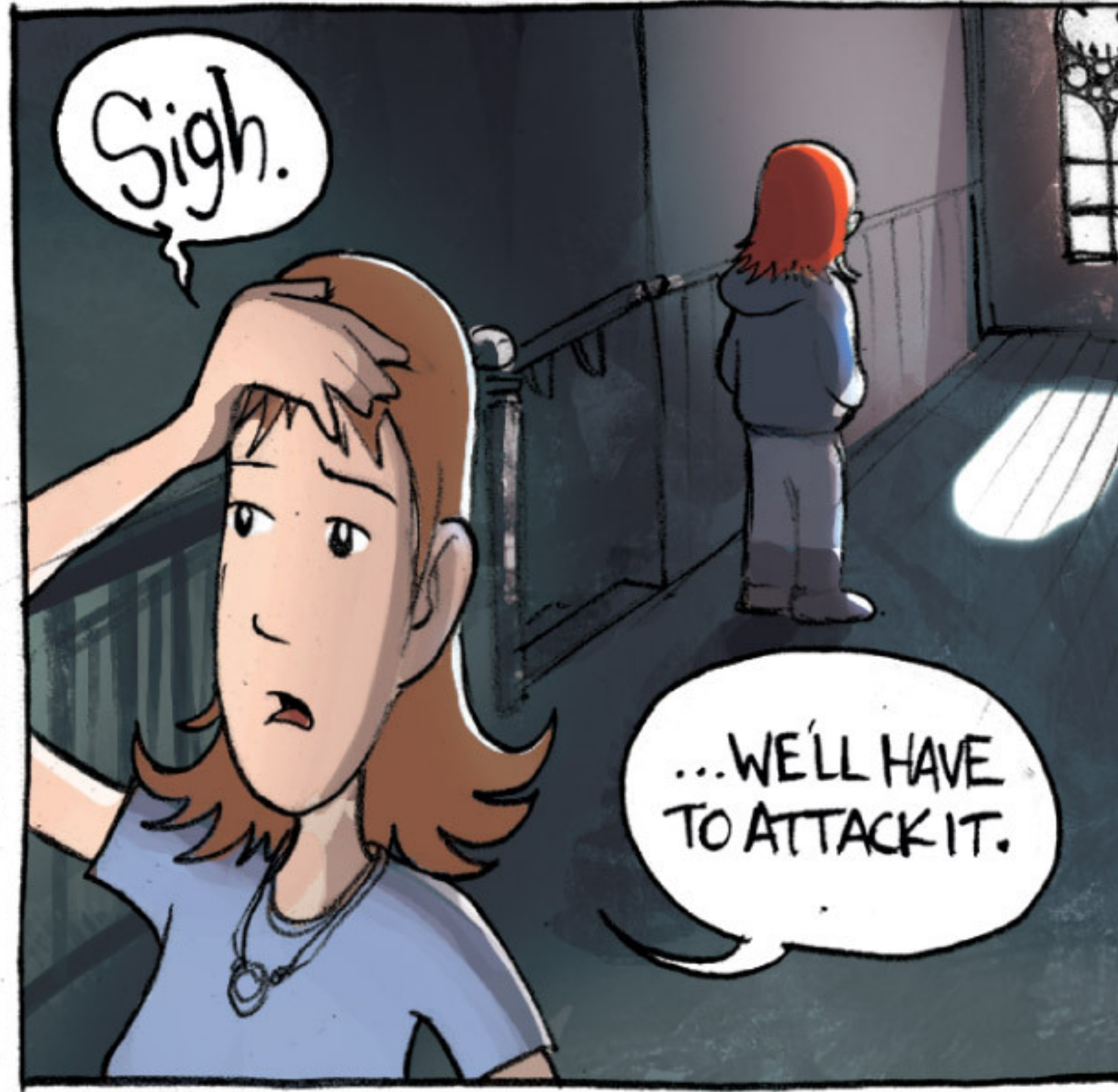
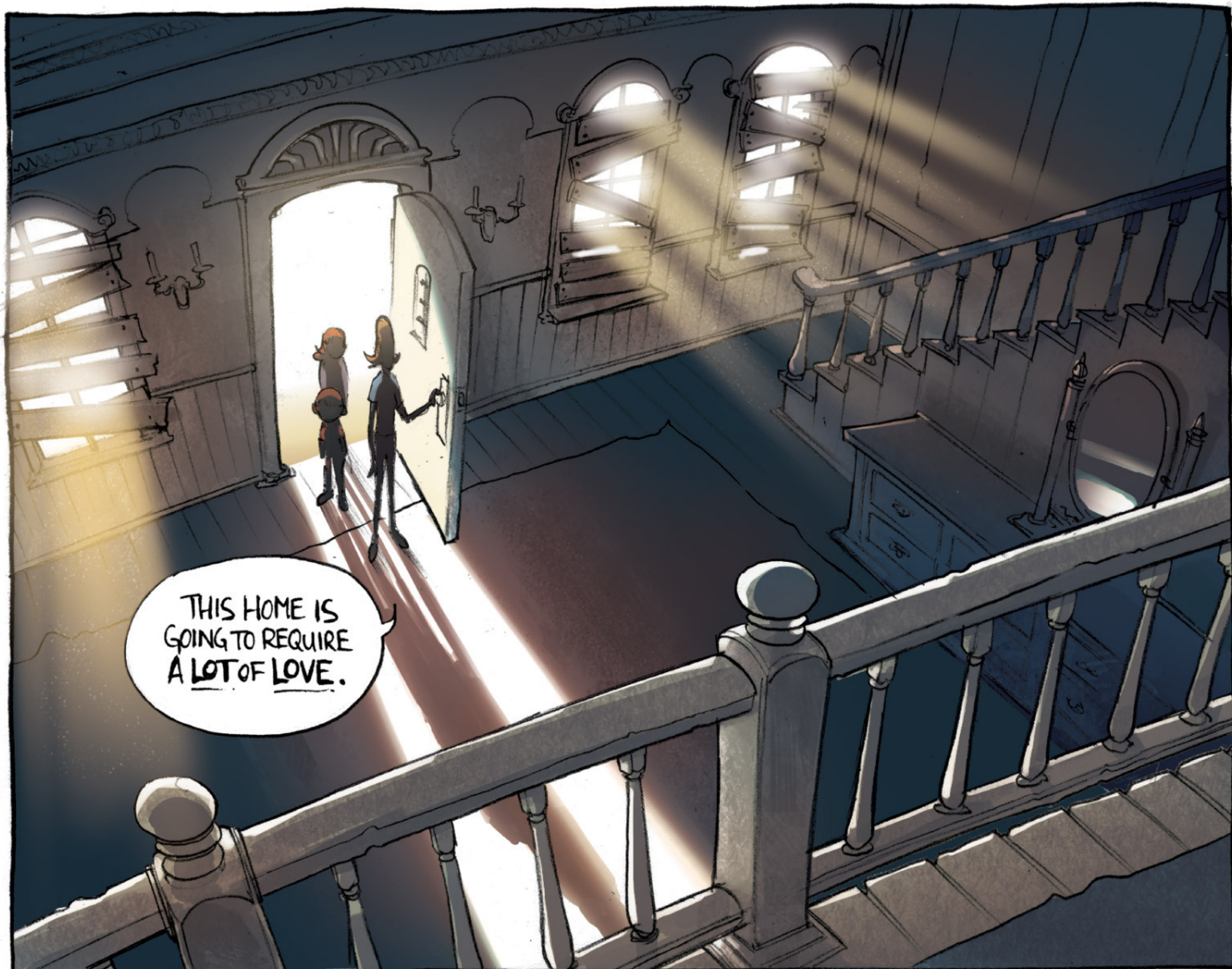
YOU'LL SEE. IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT THAN ANYWHERE ELSE.

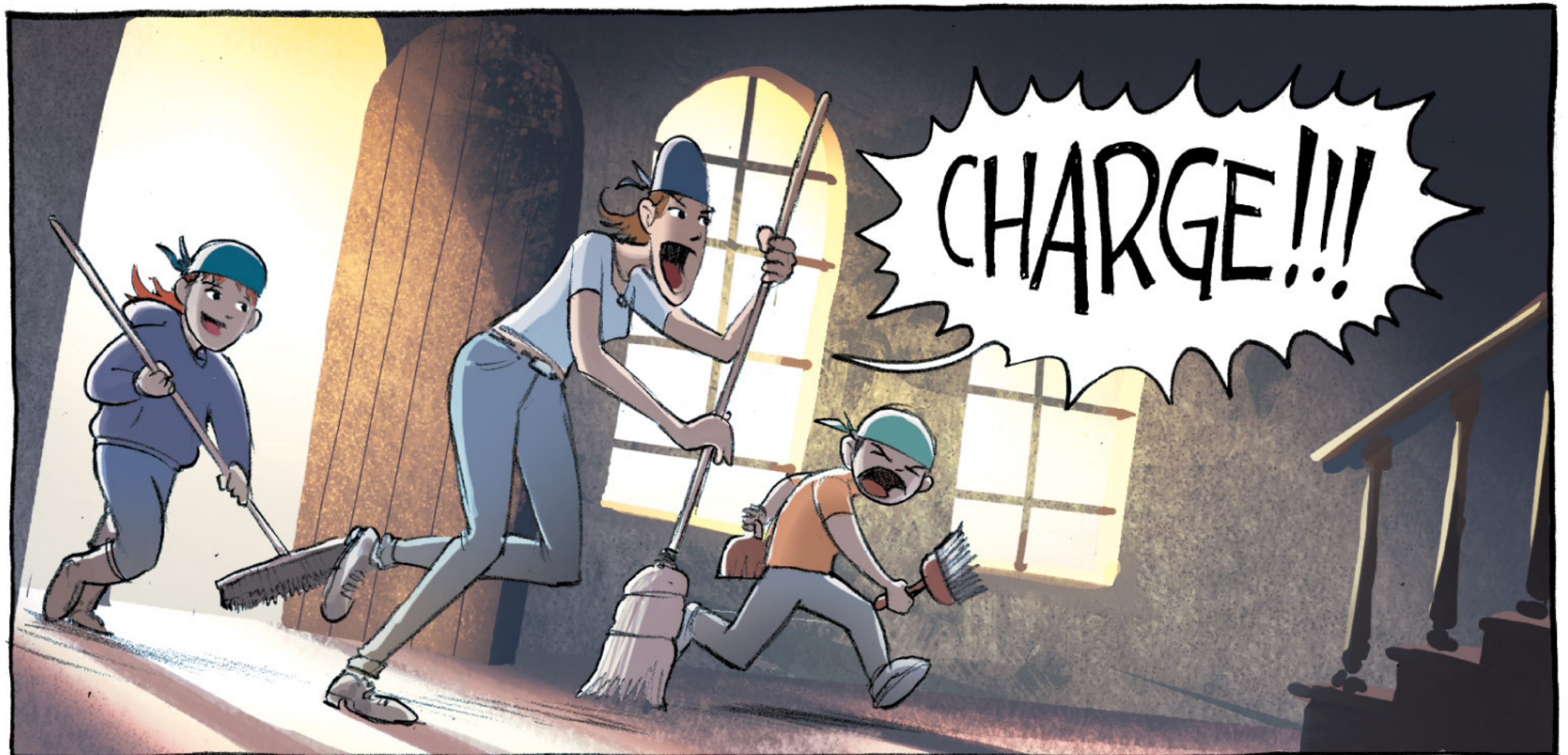
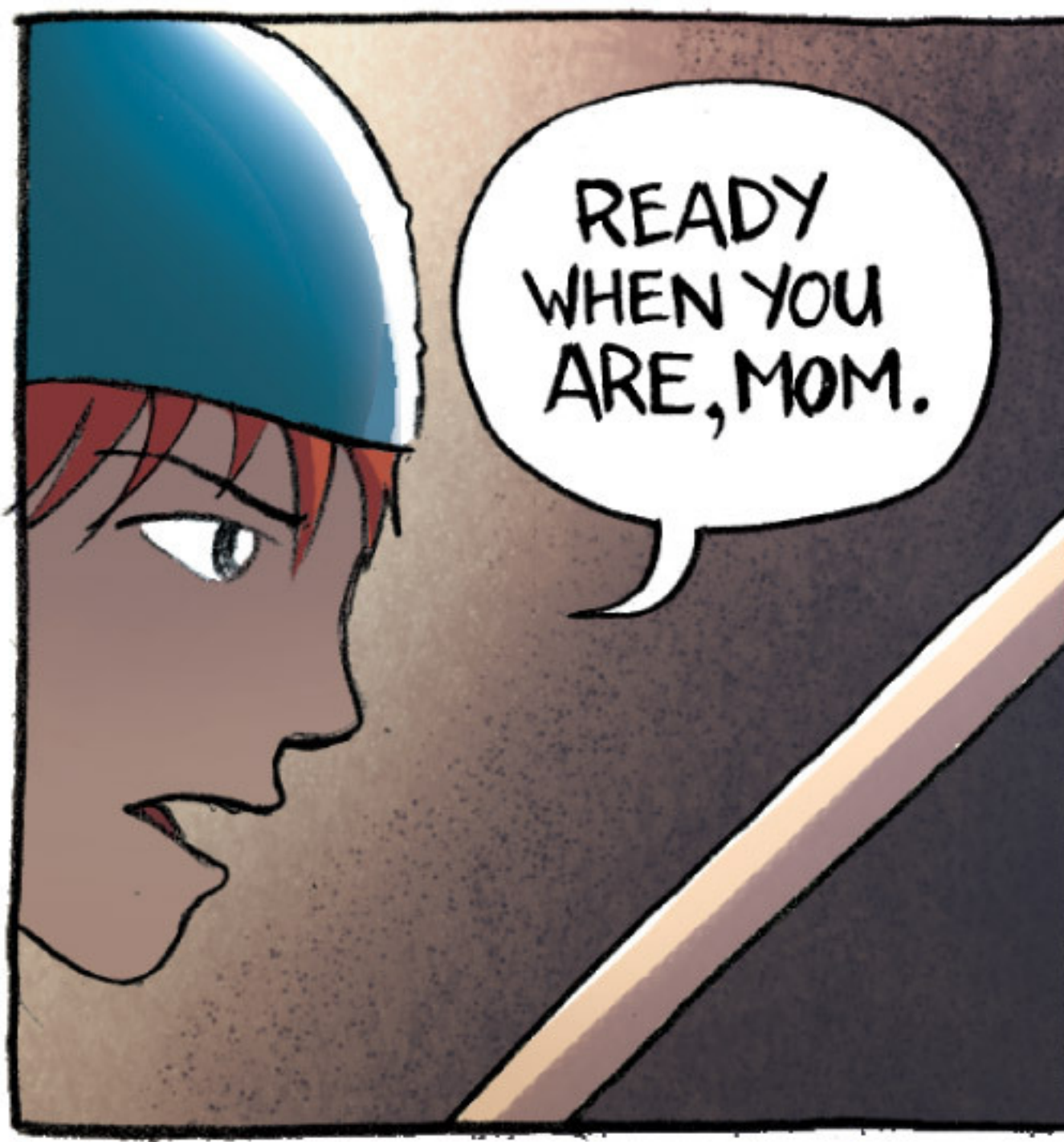


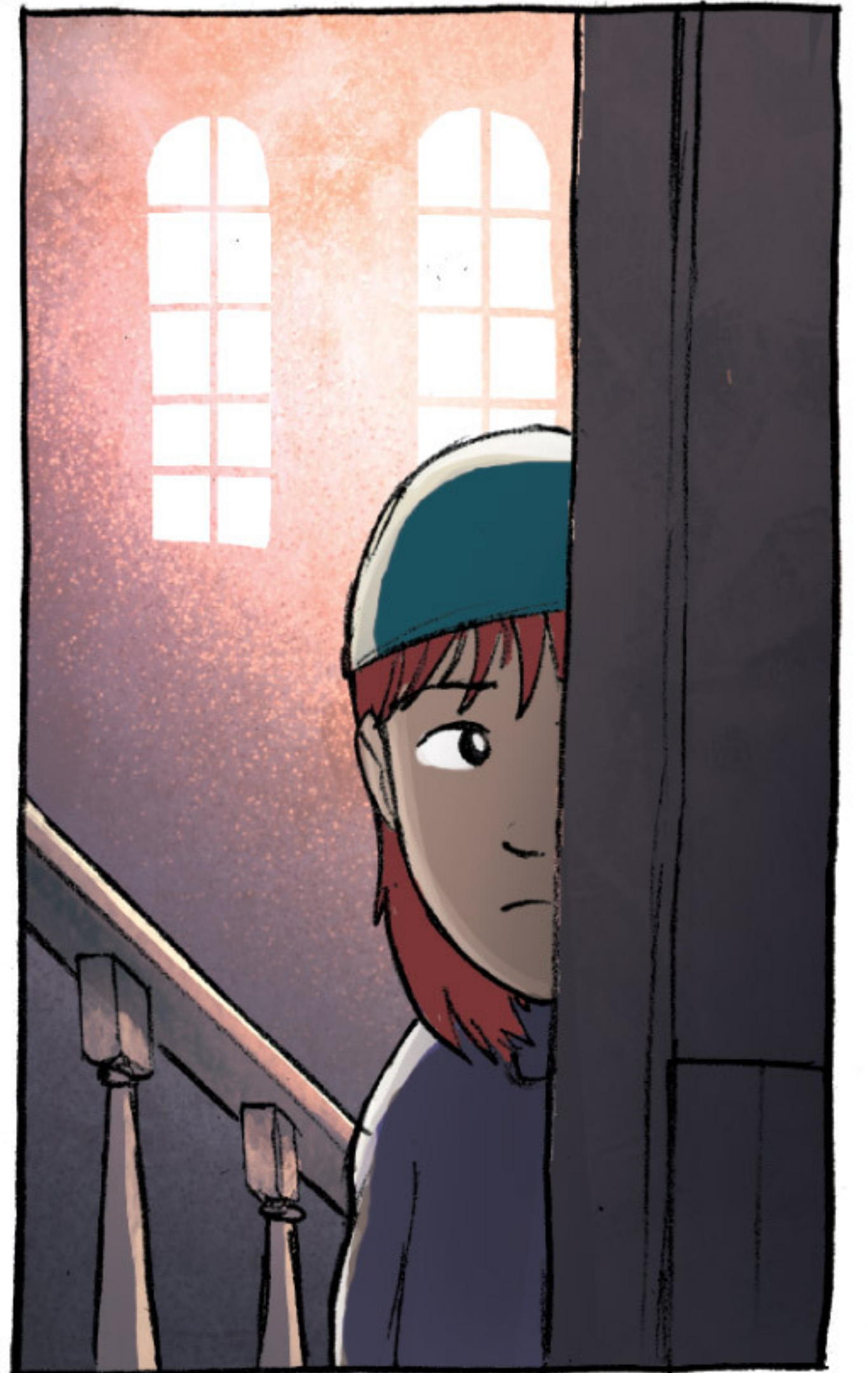
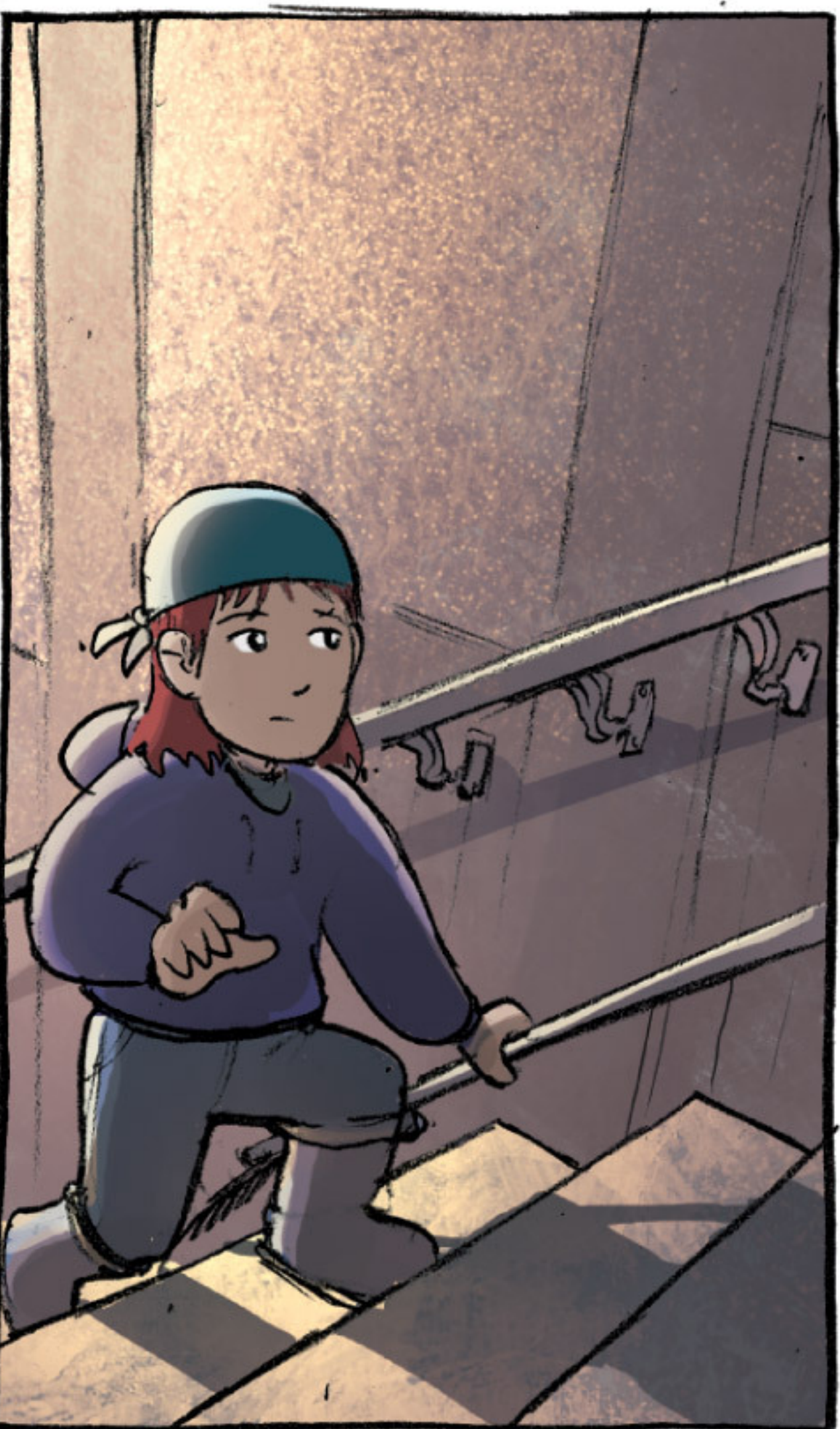
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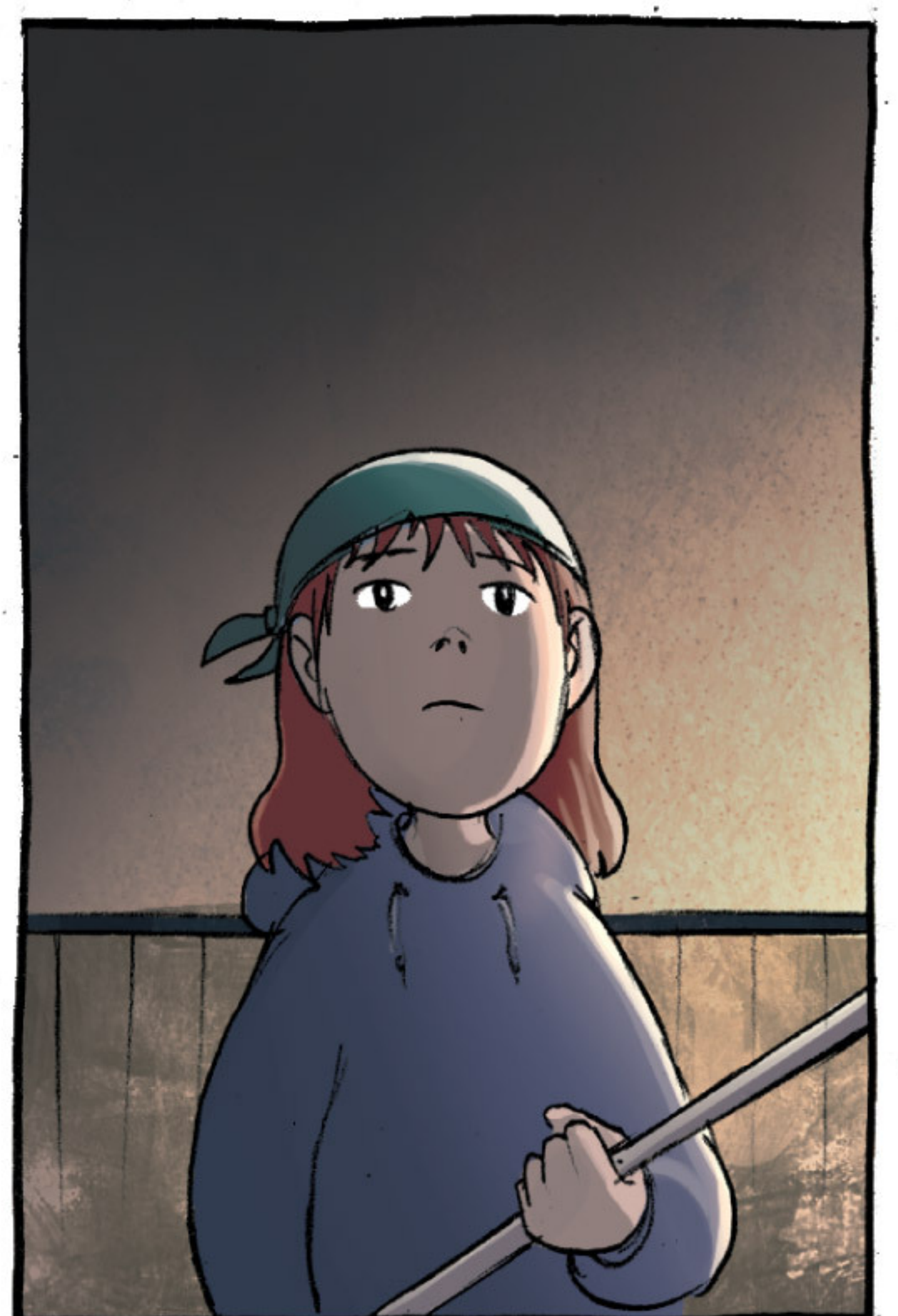
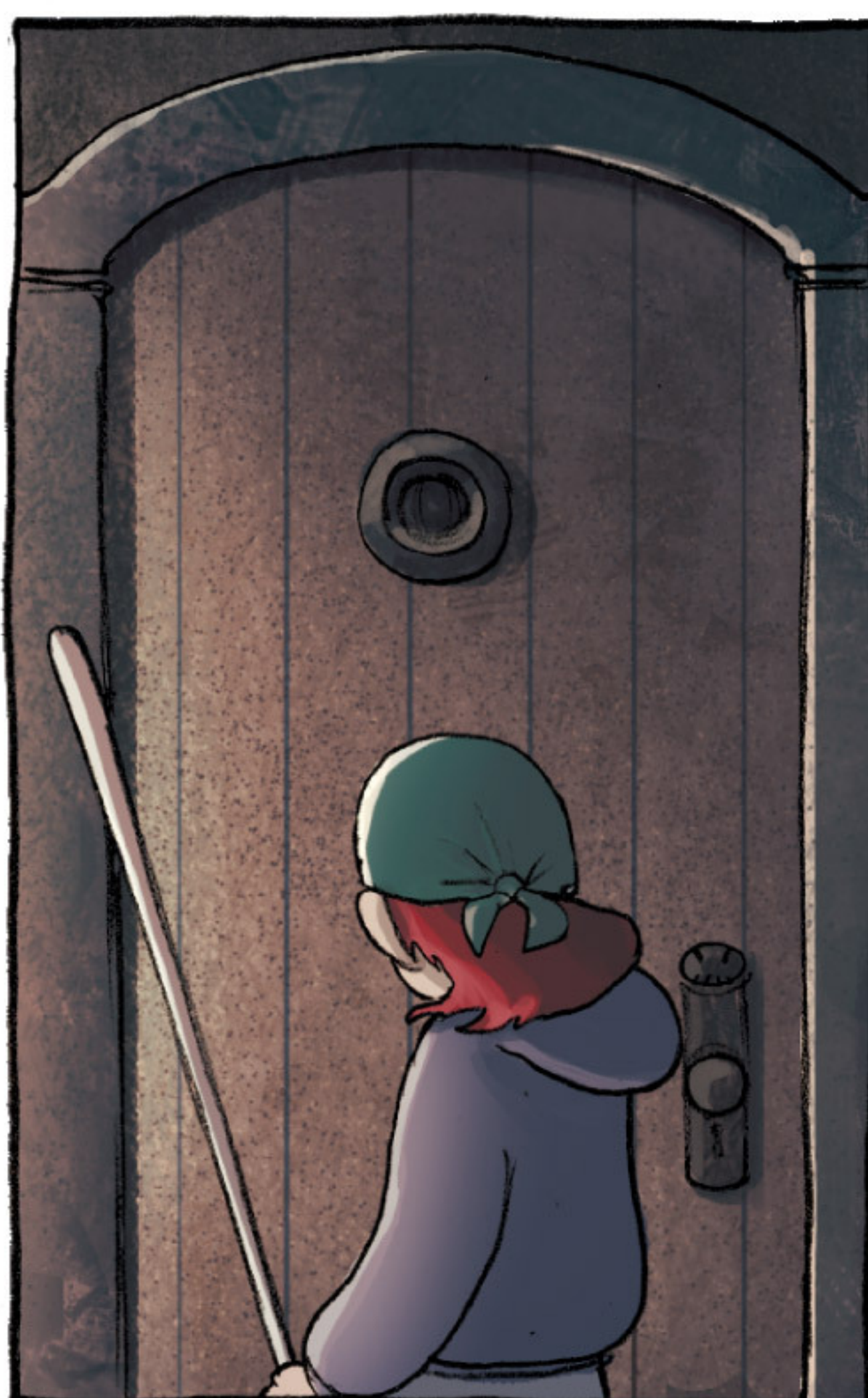
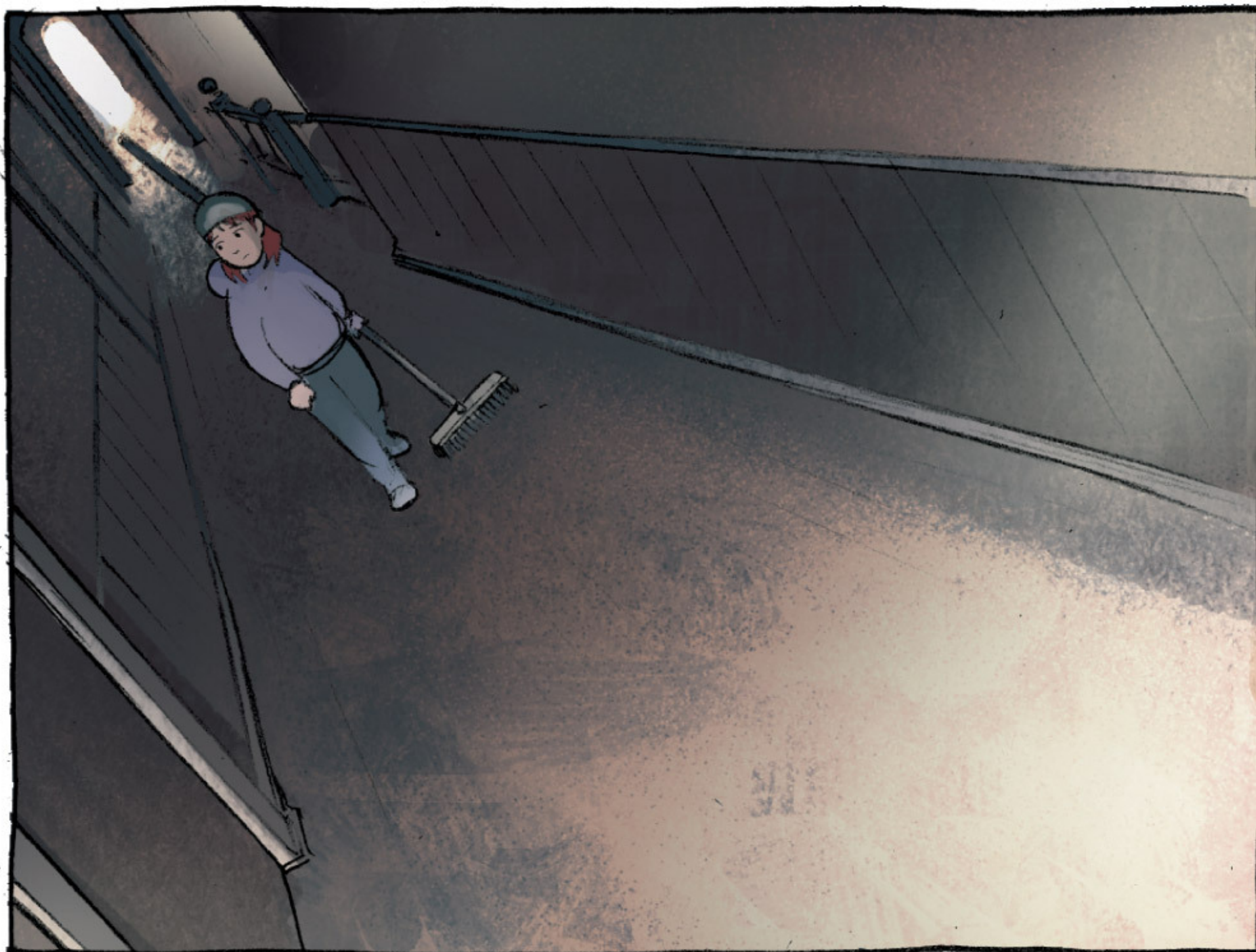
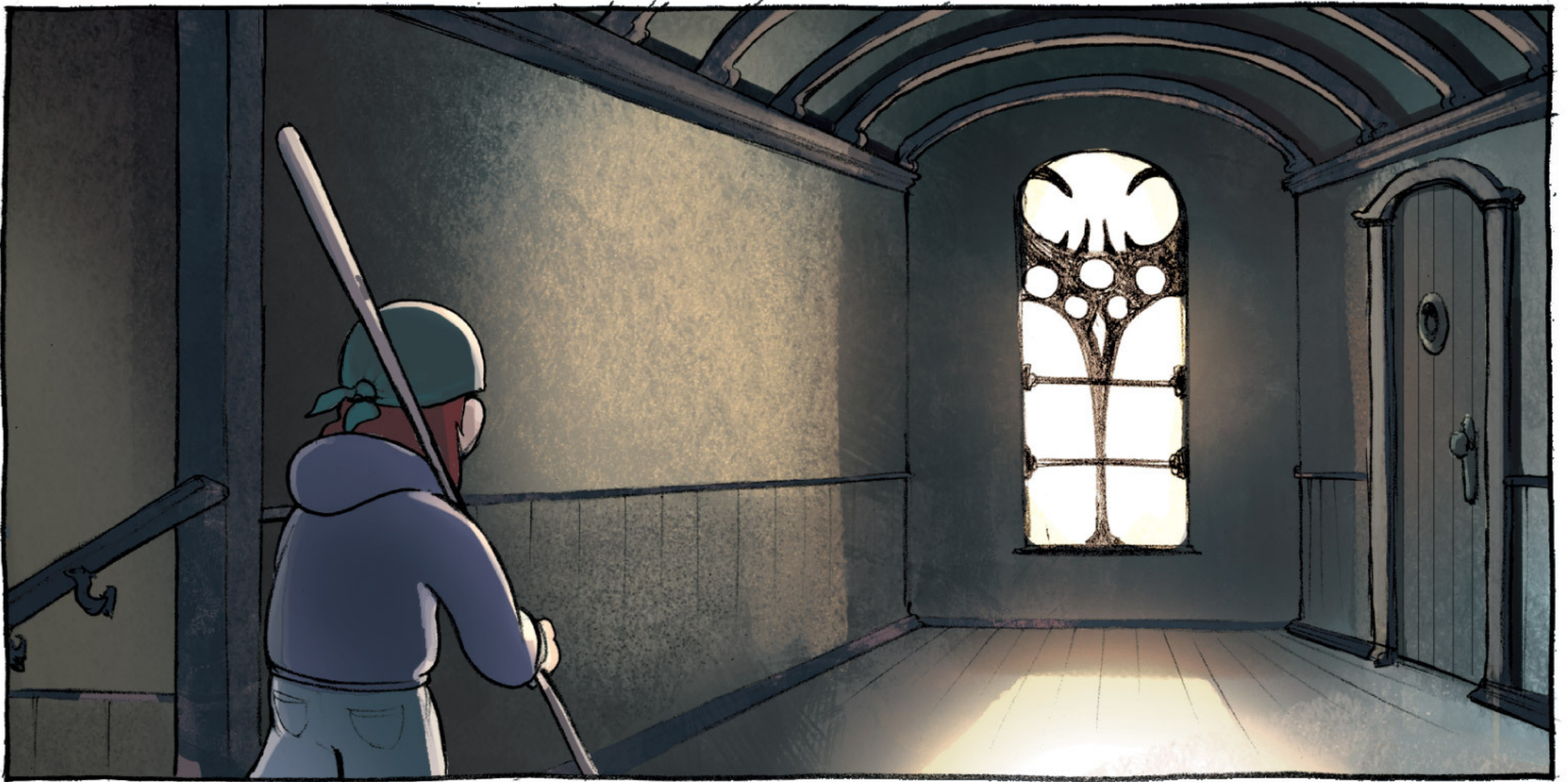


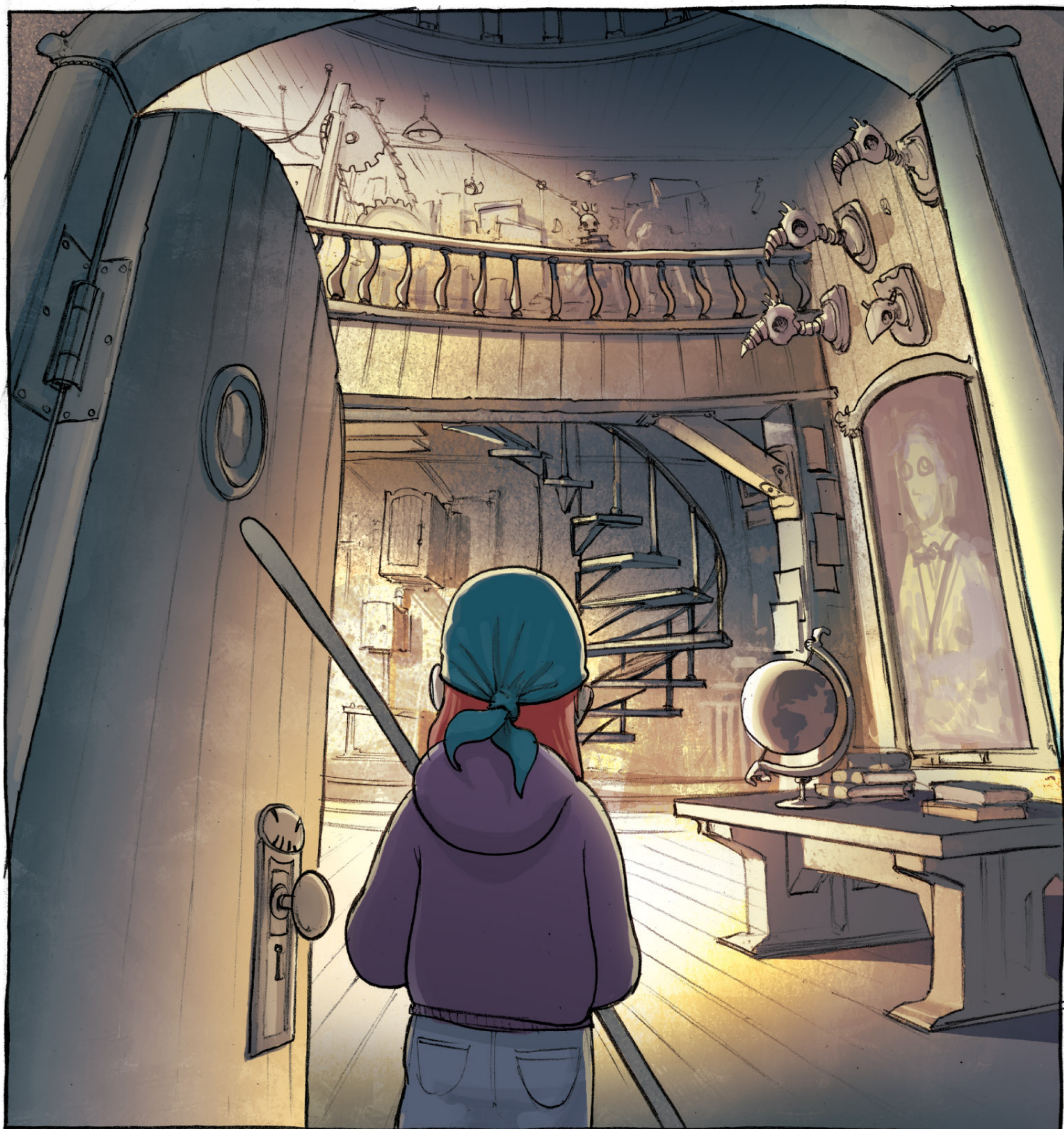
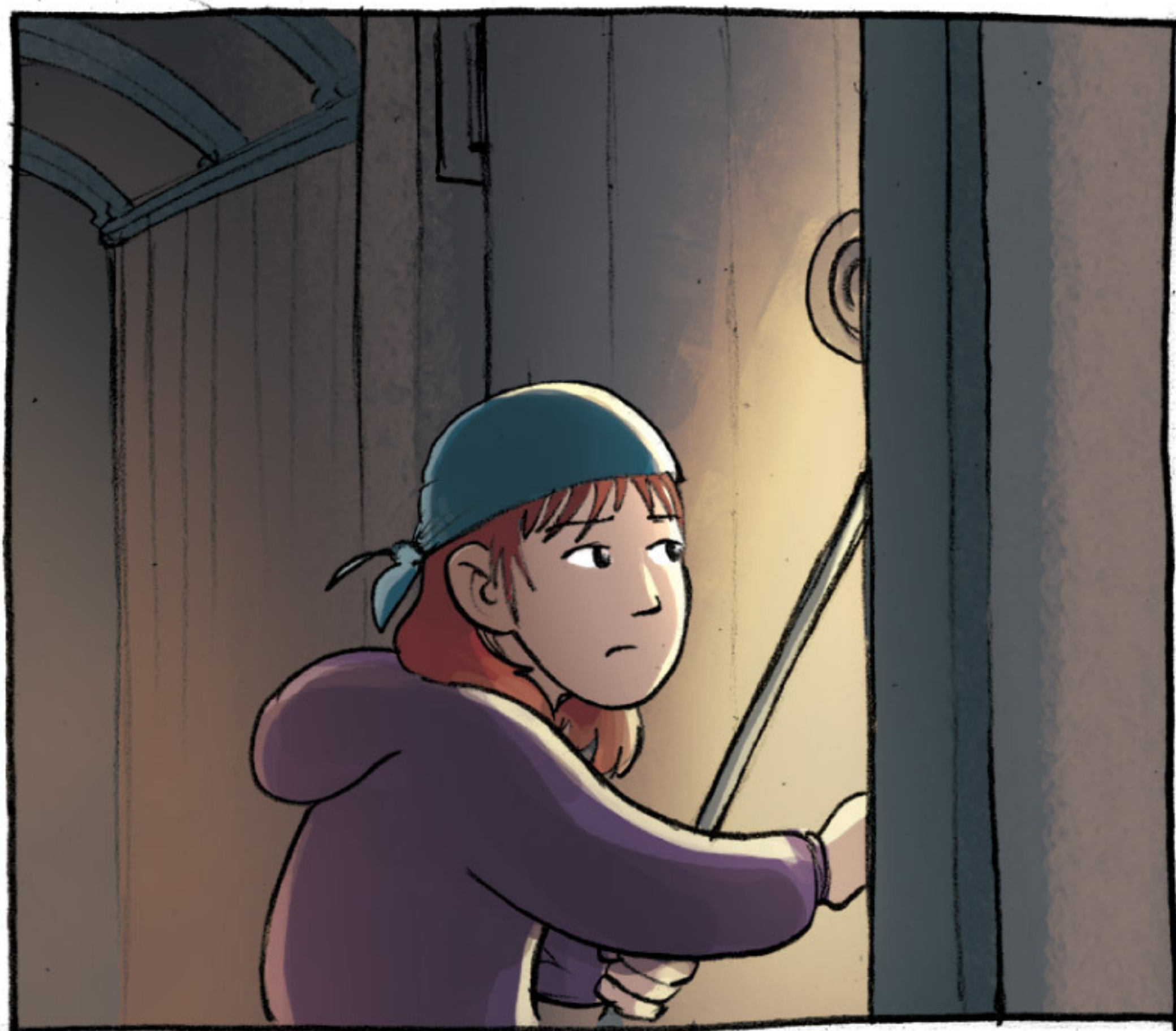
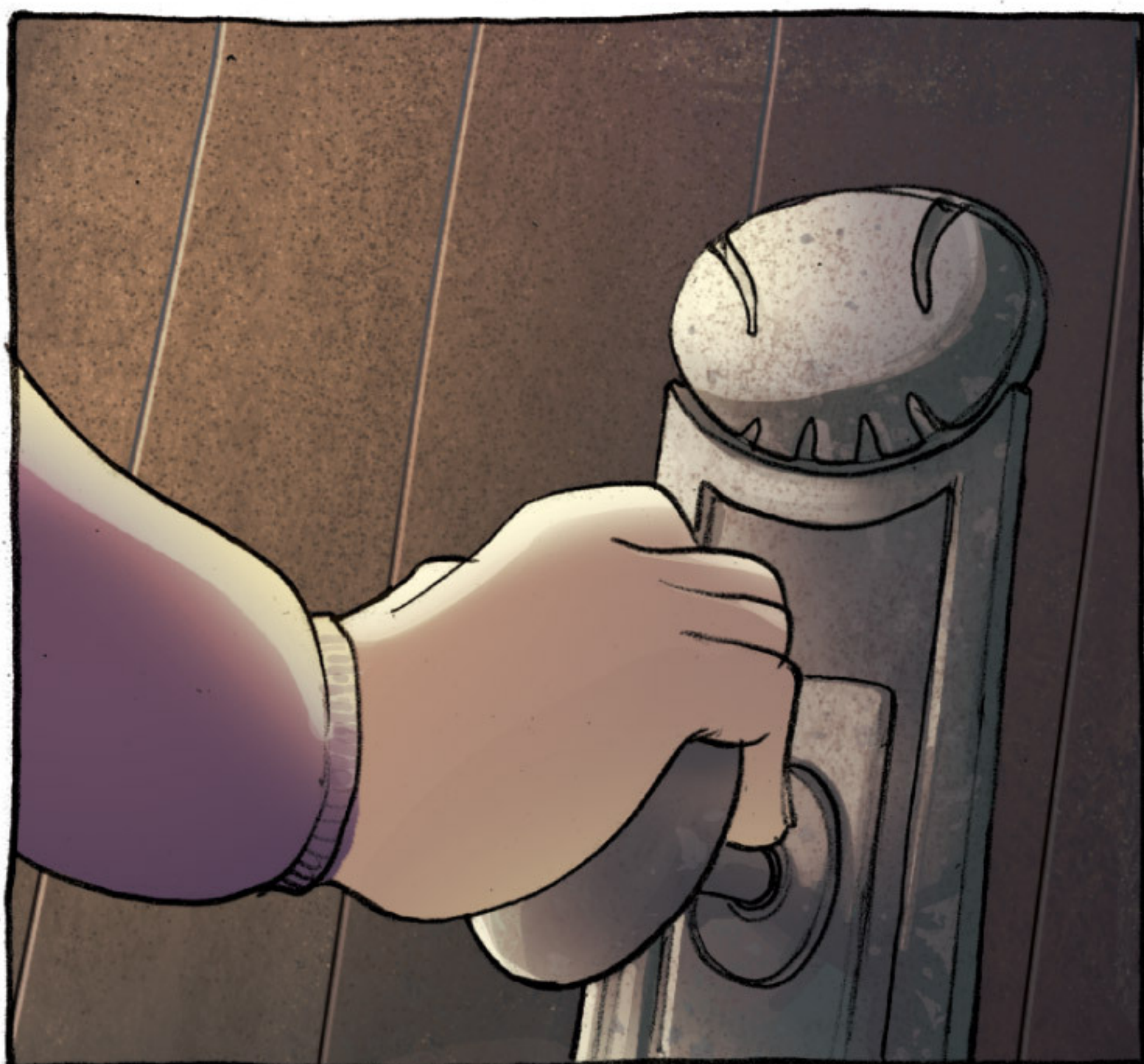


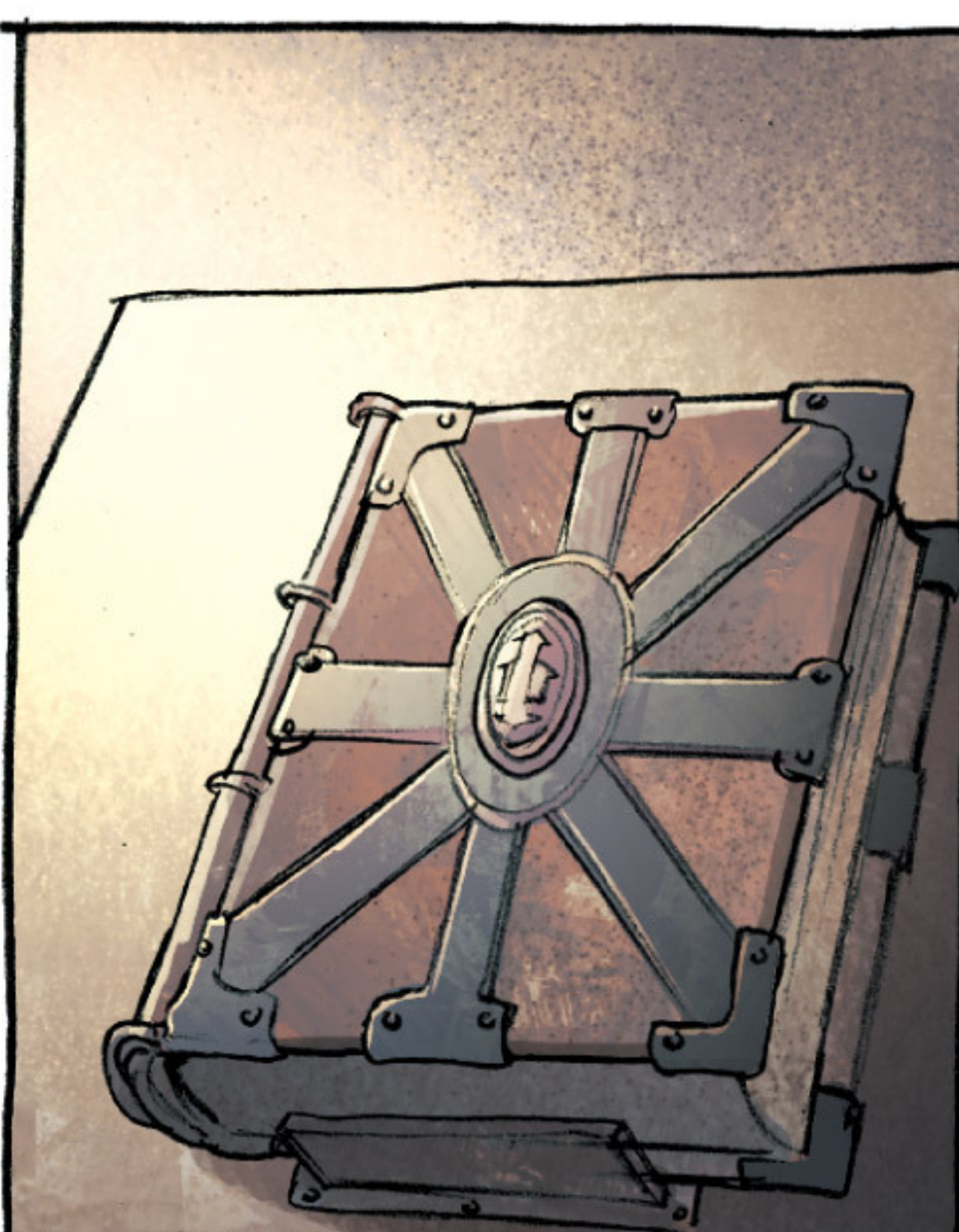
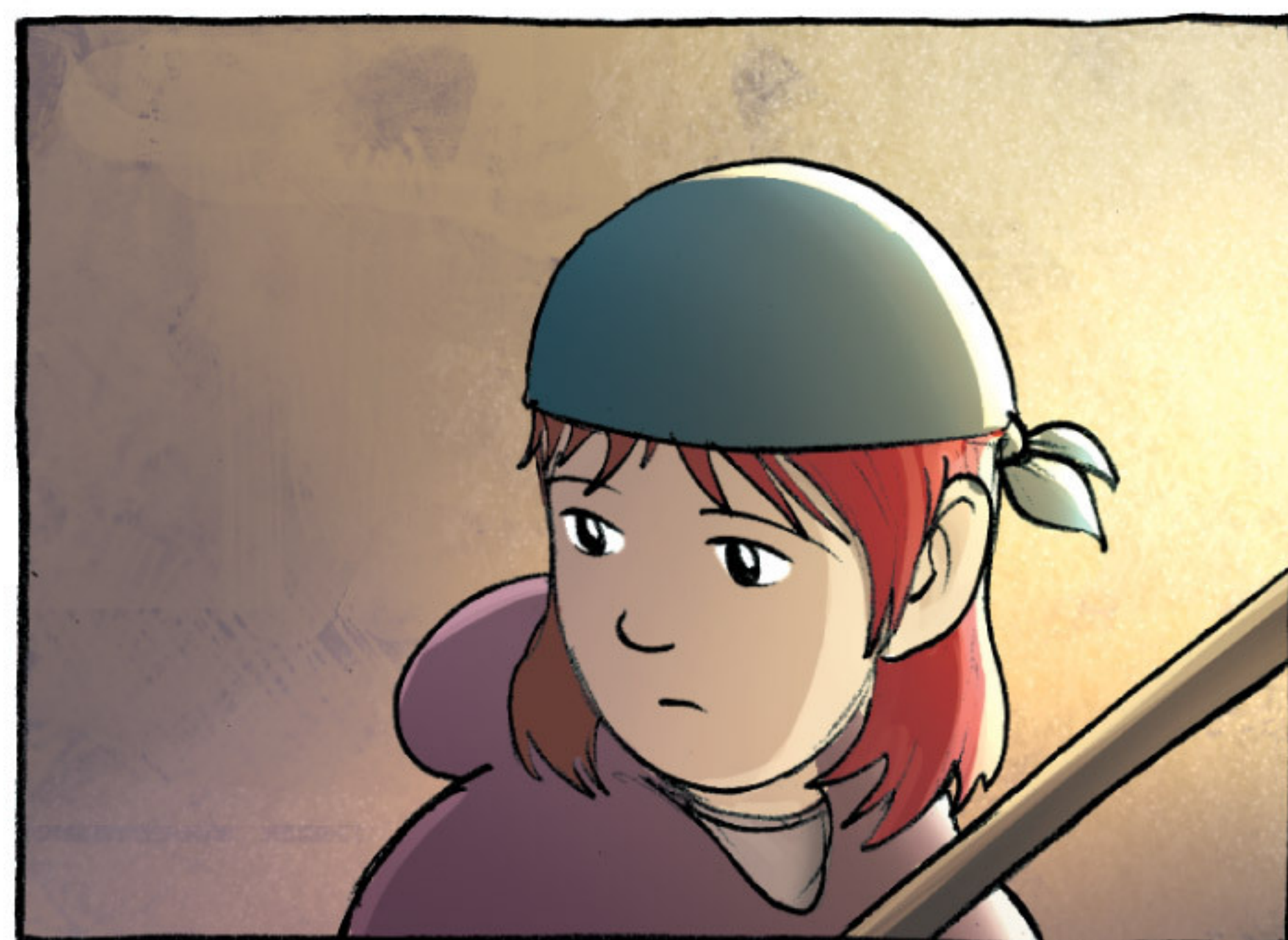
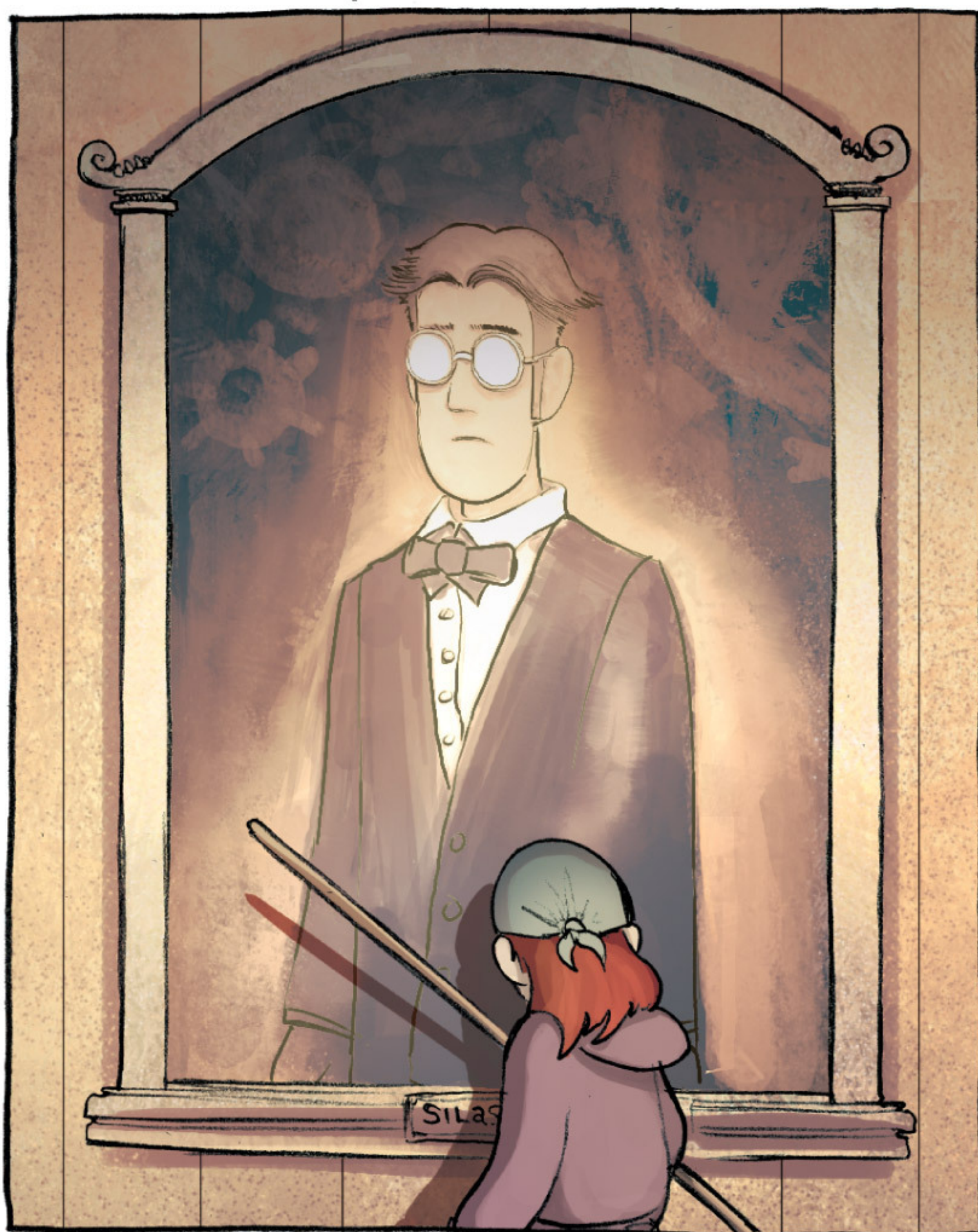
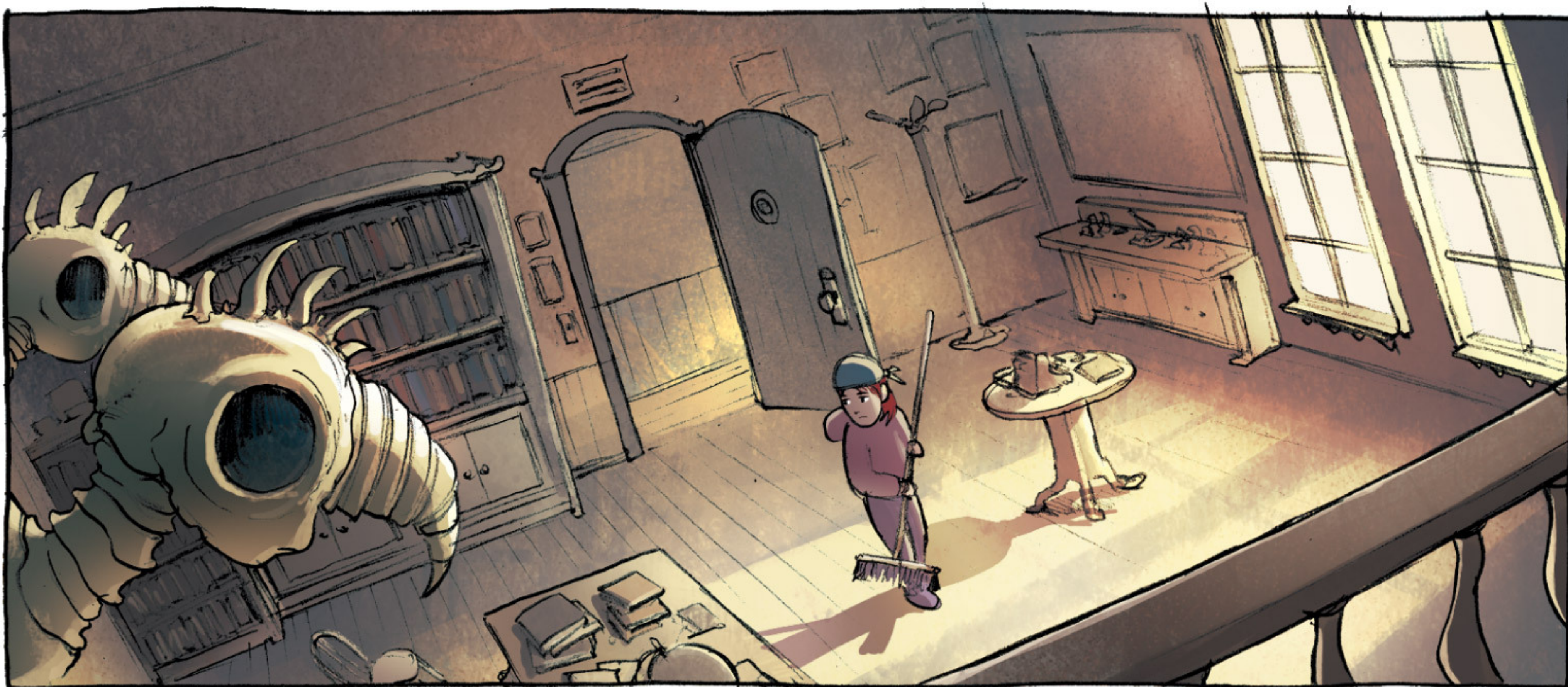


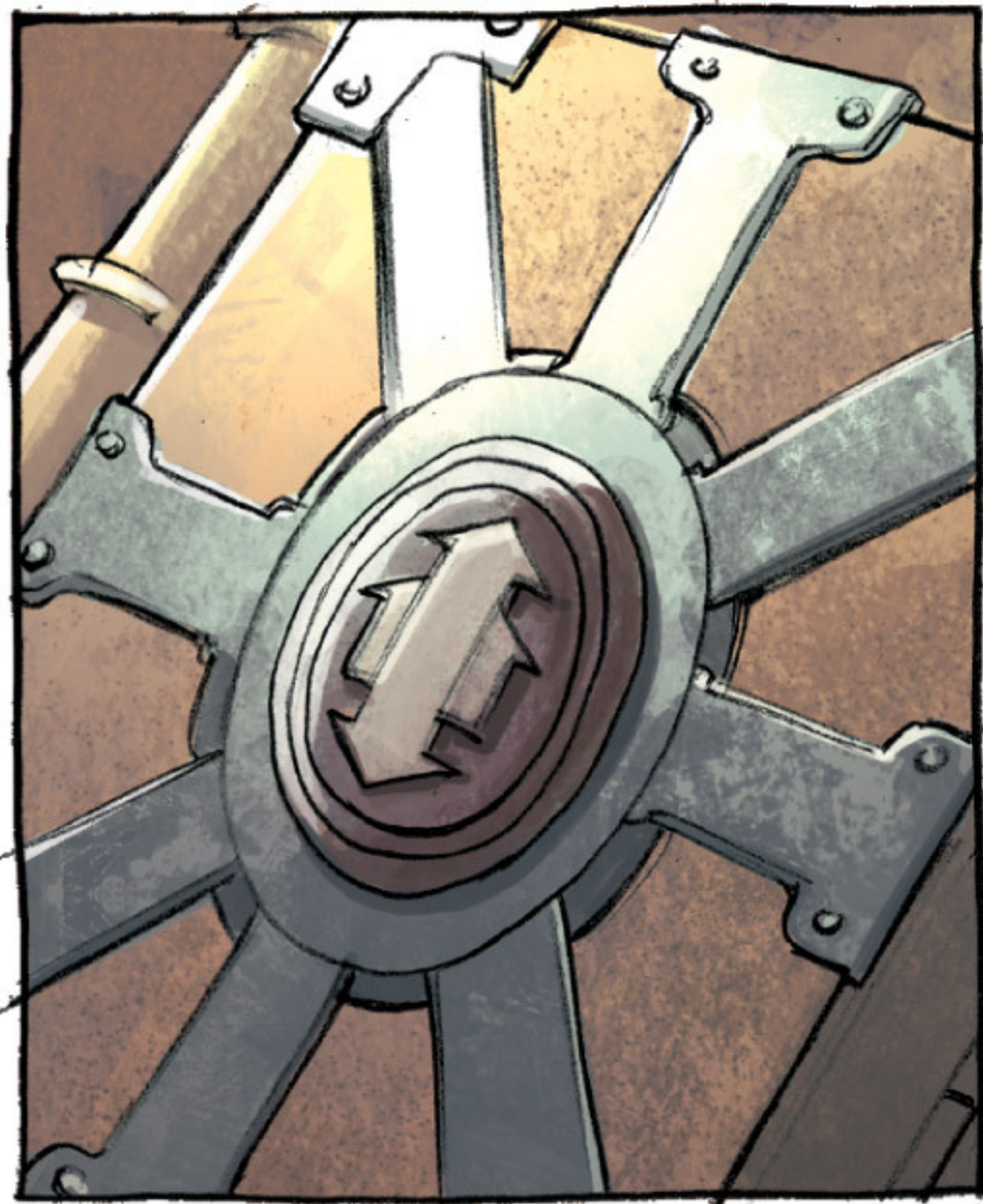
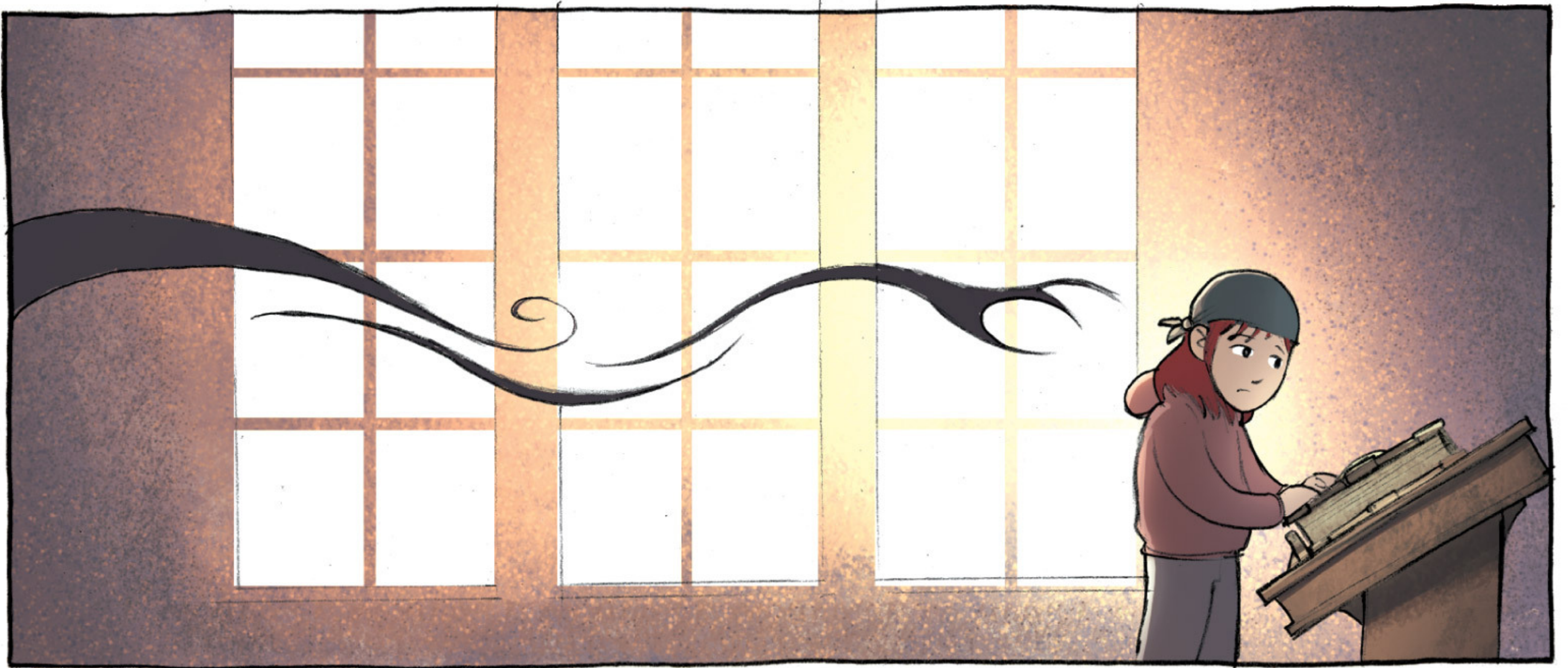


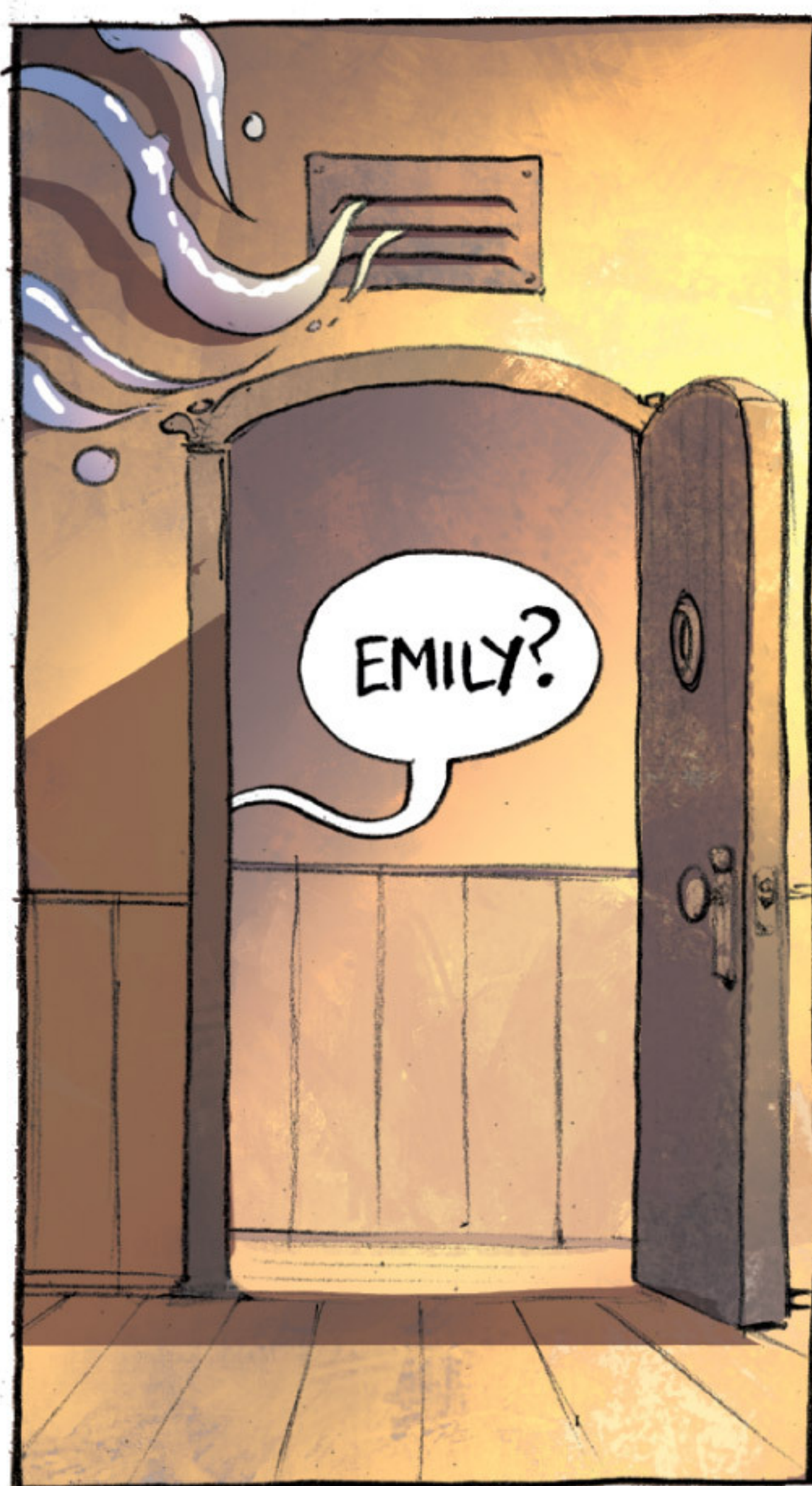
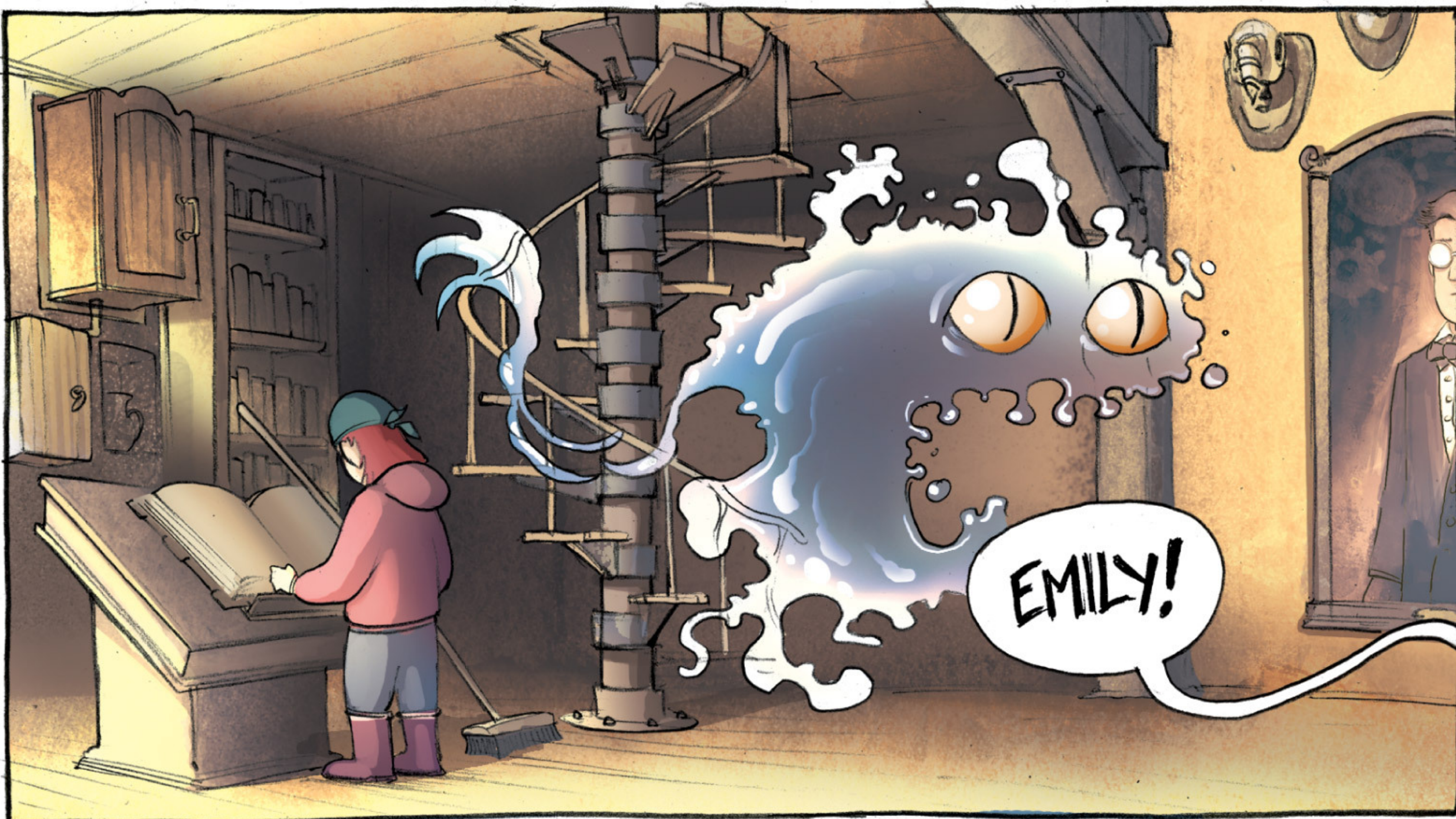
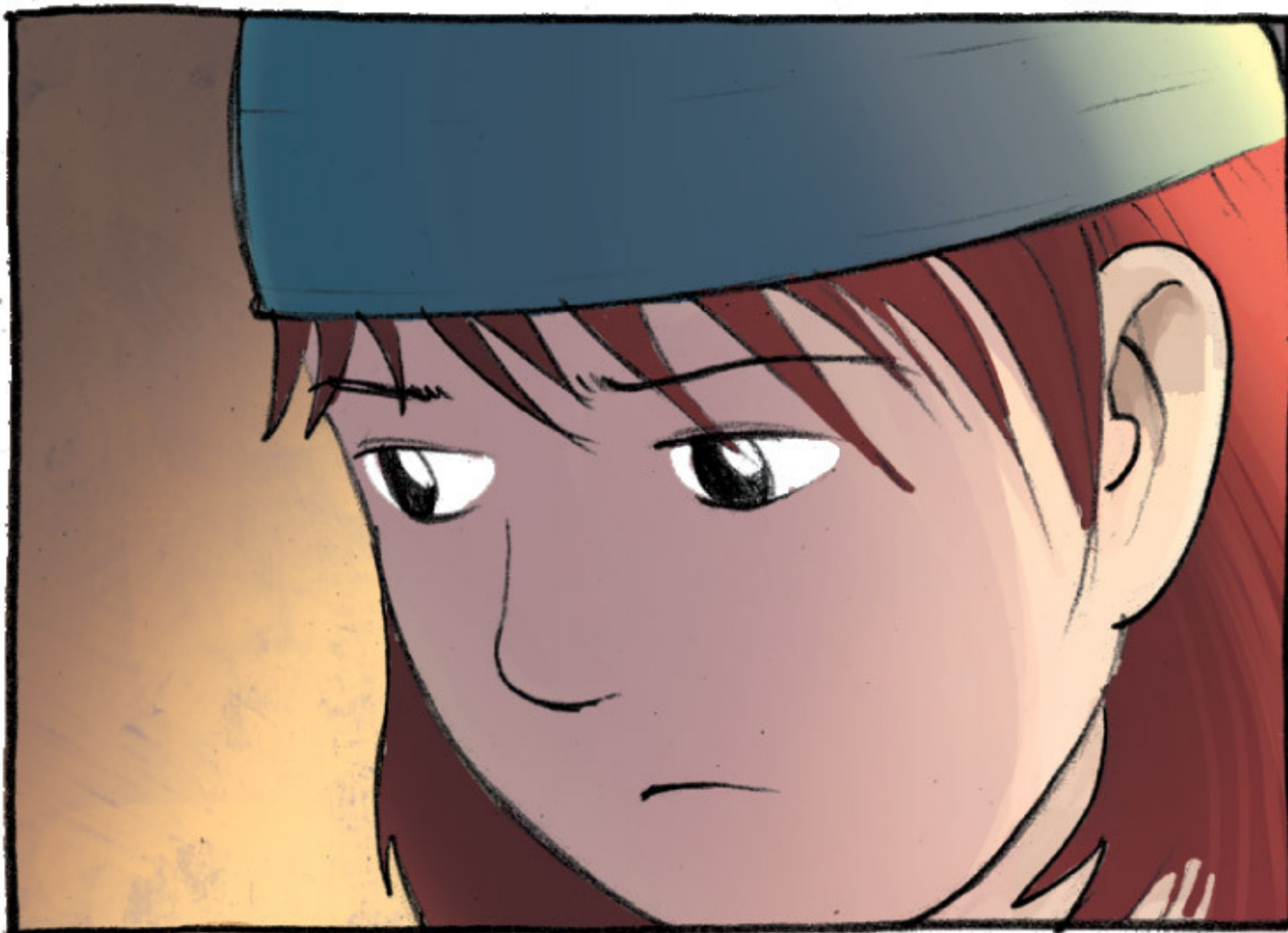
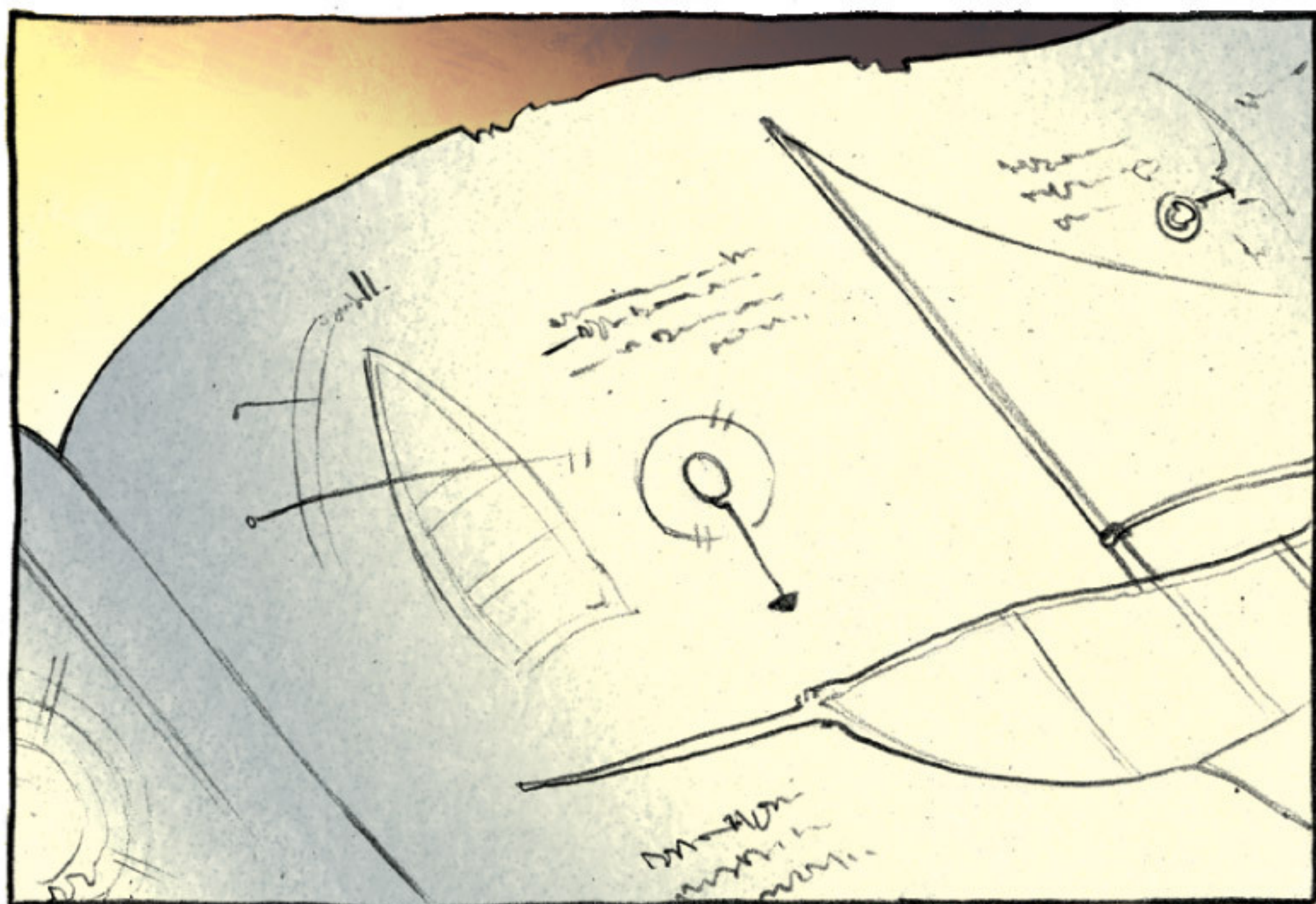


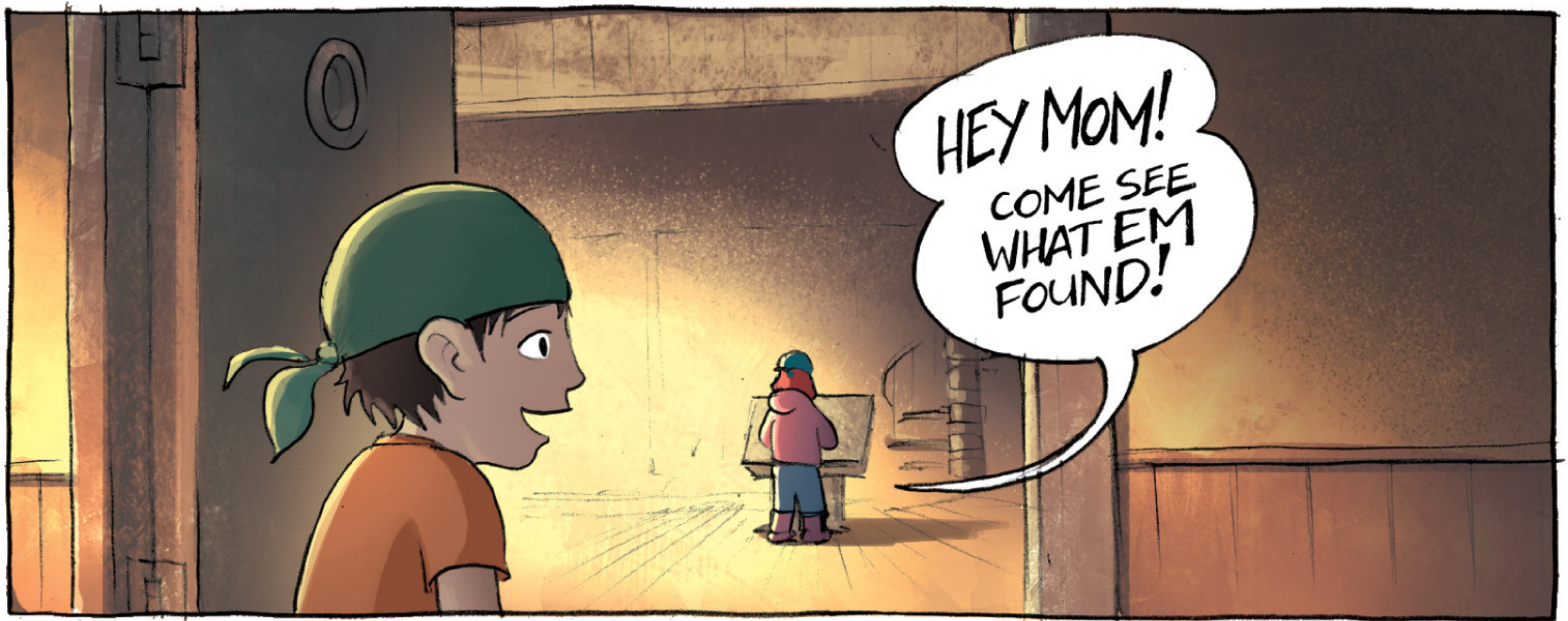


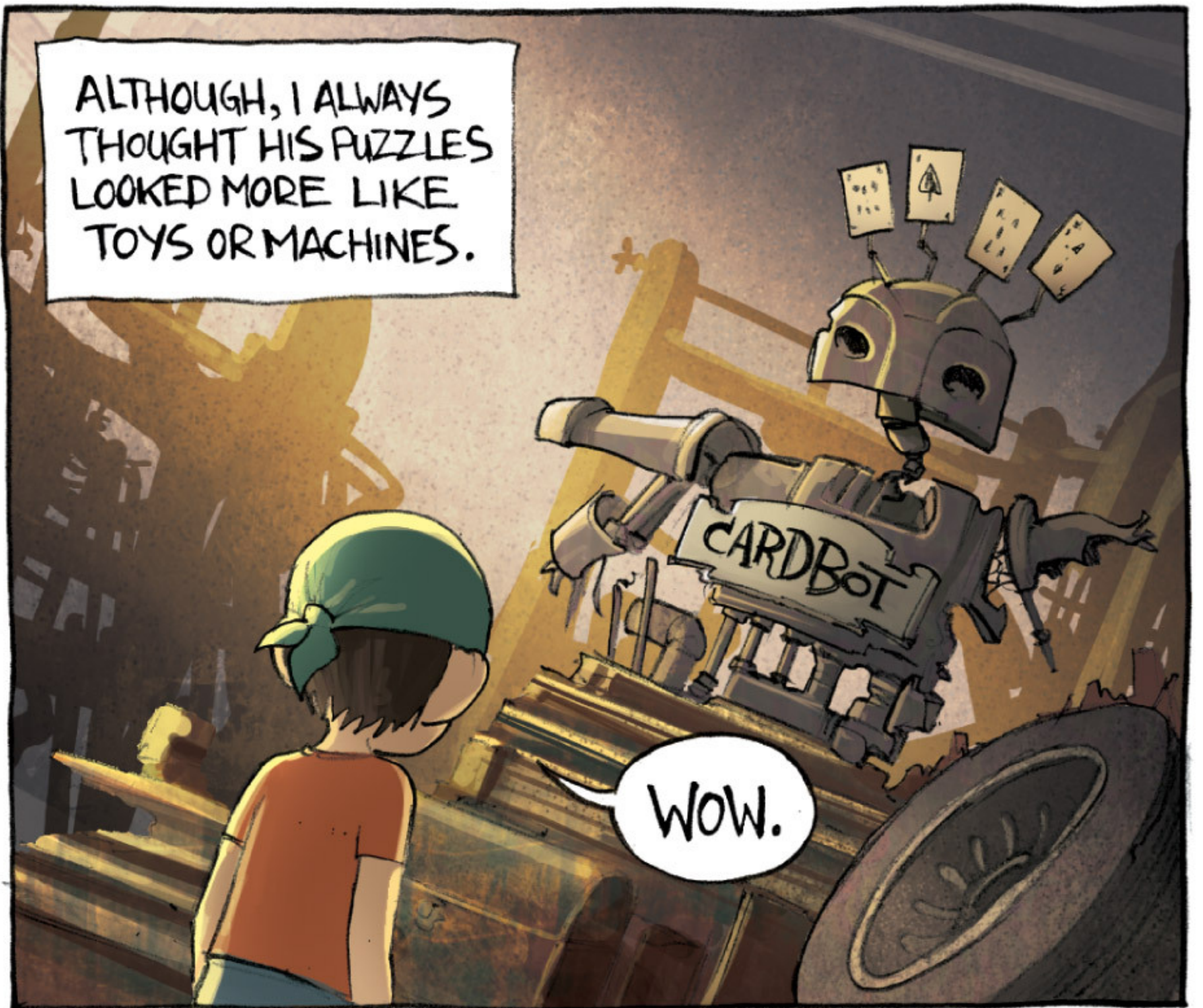
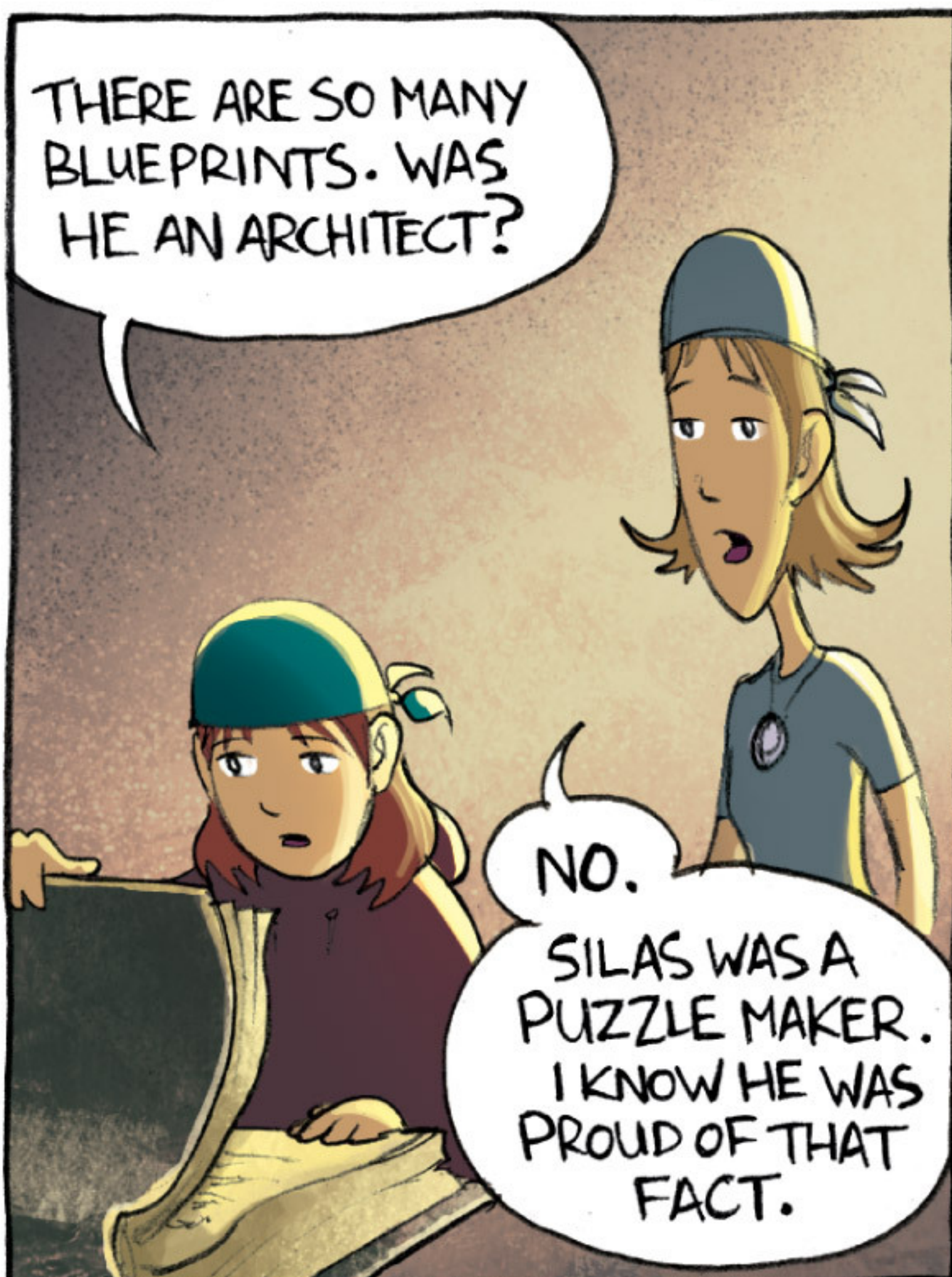
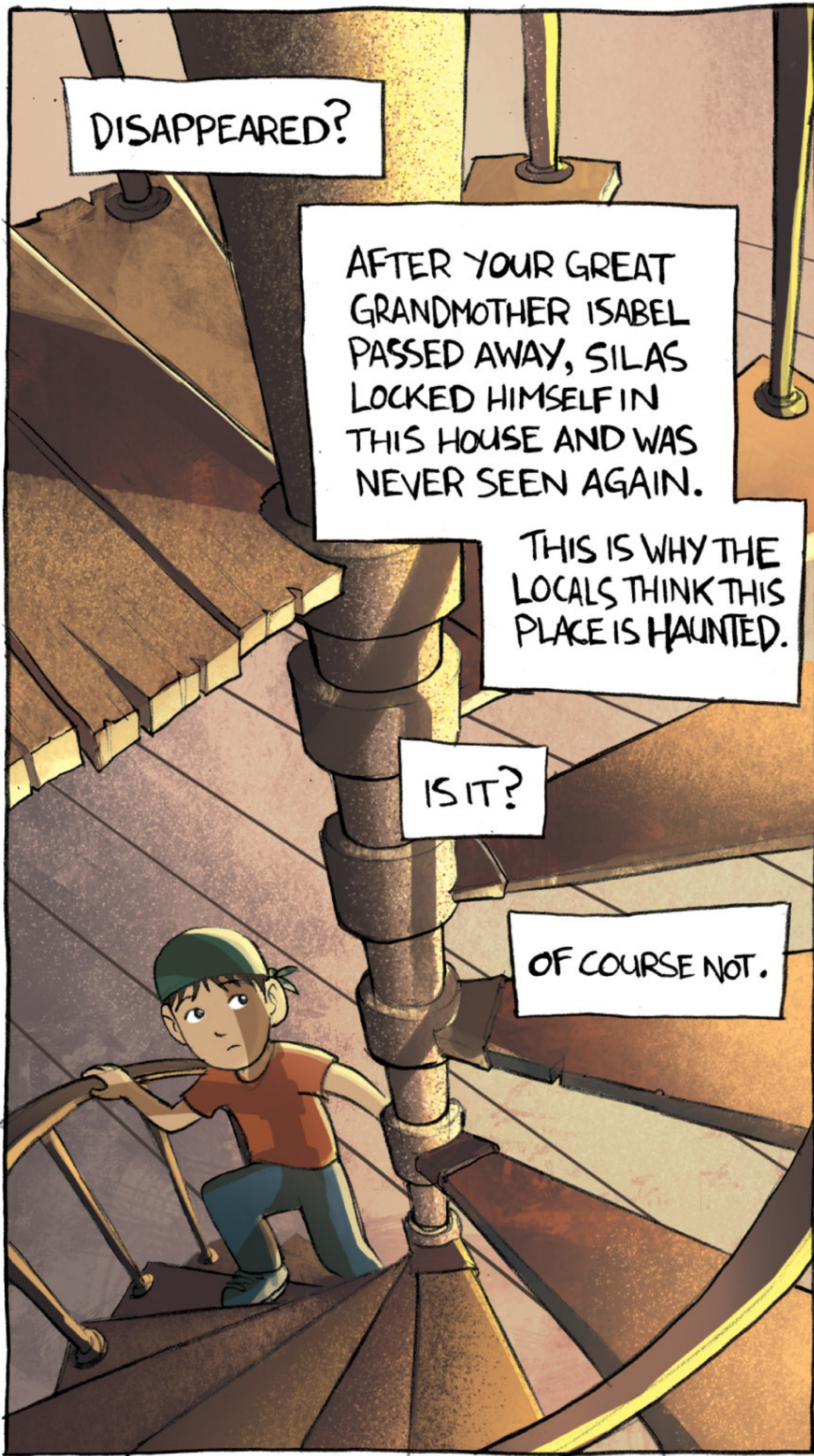


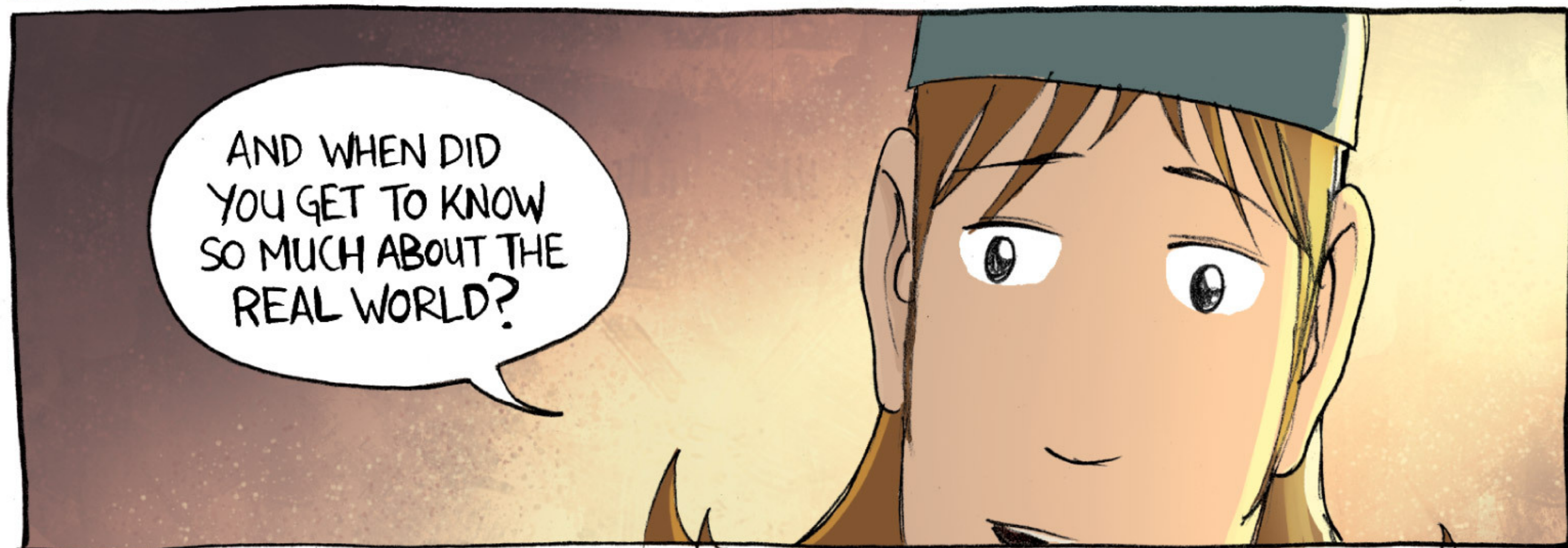
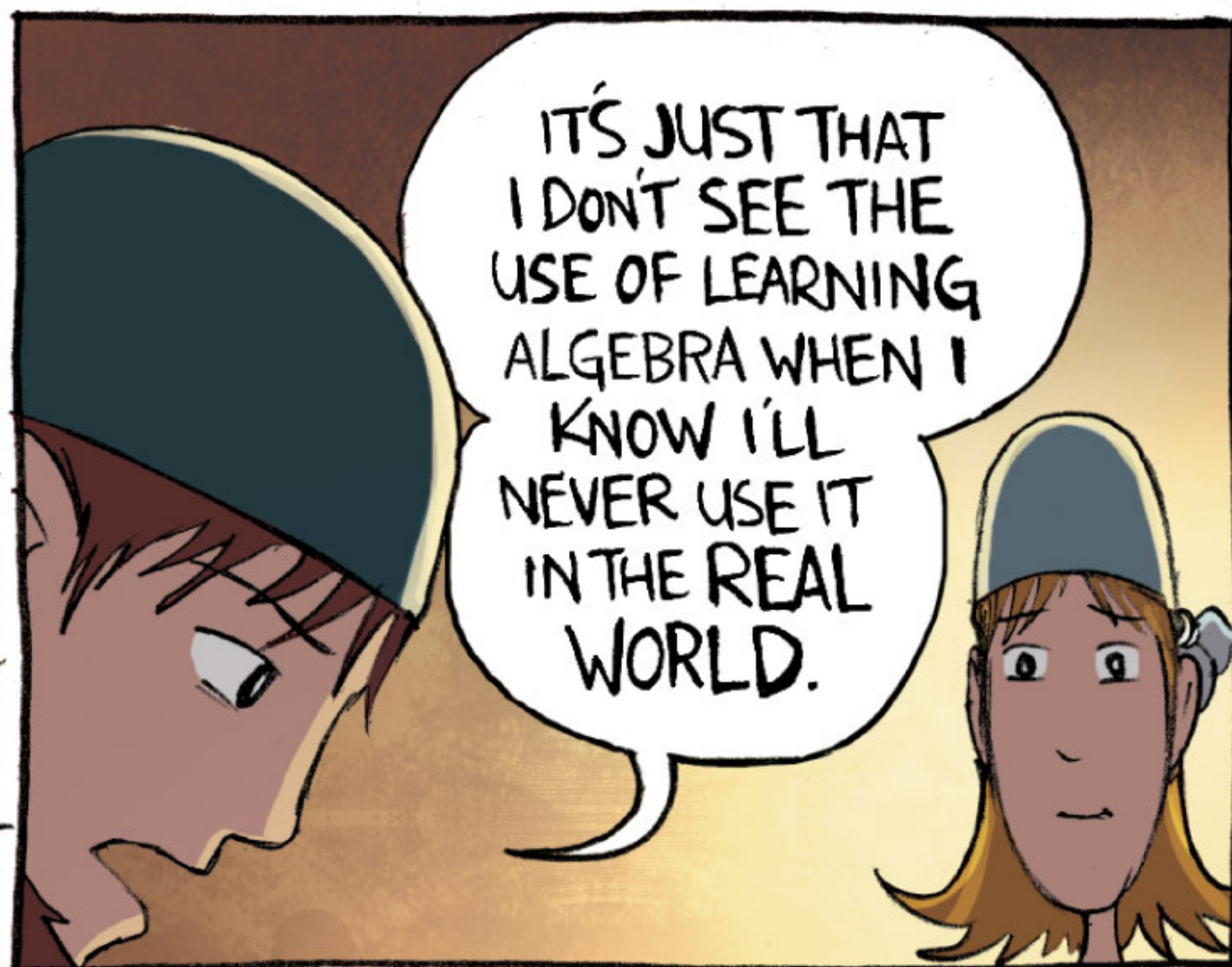


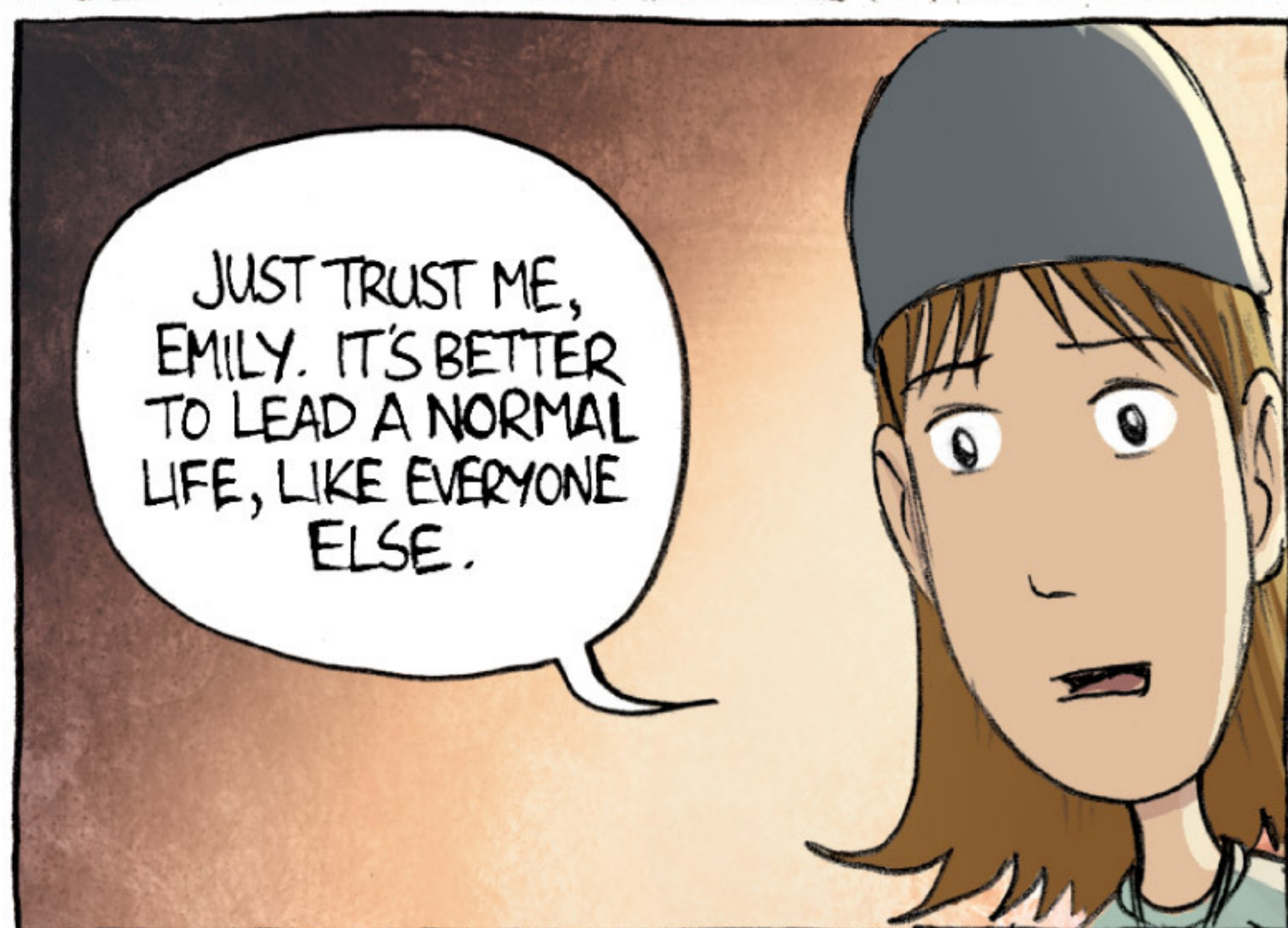
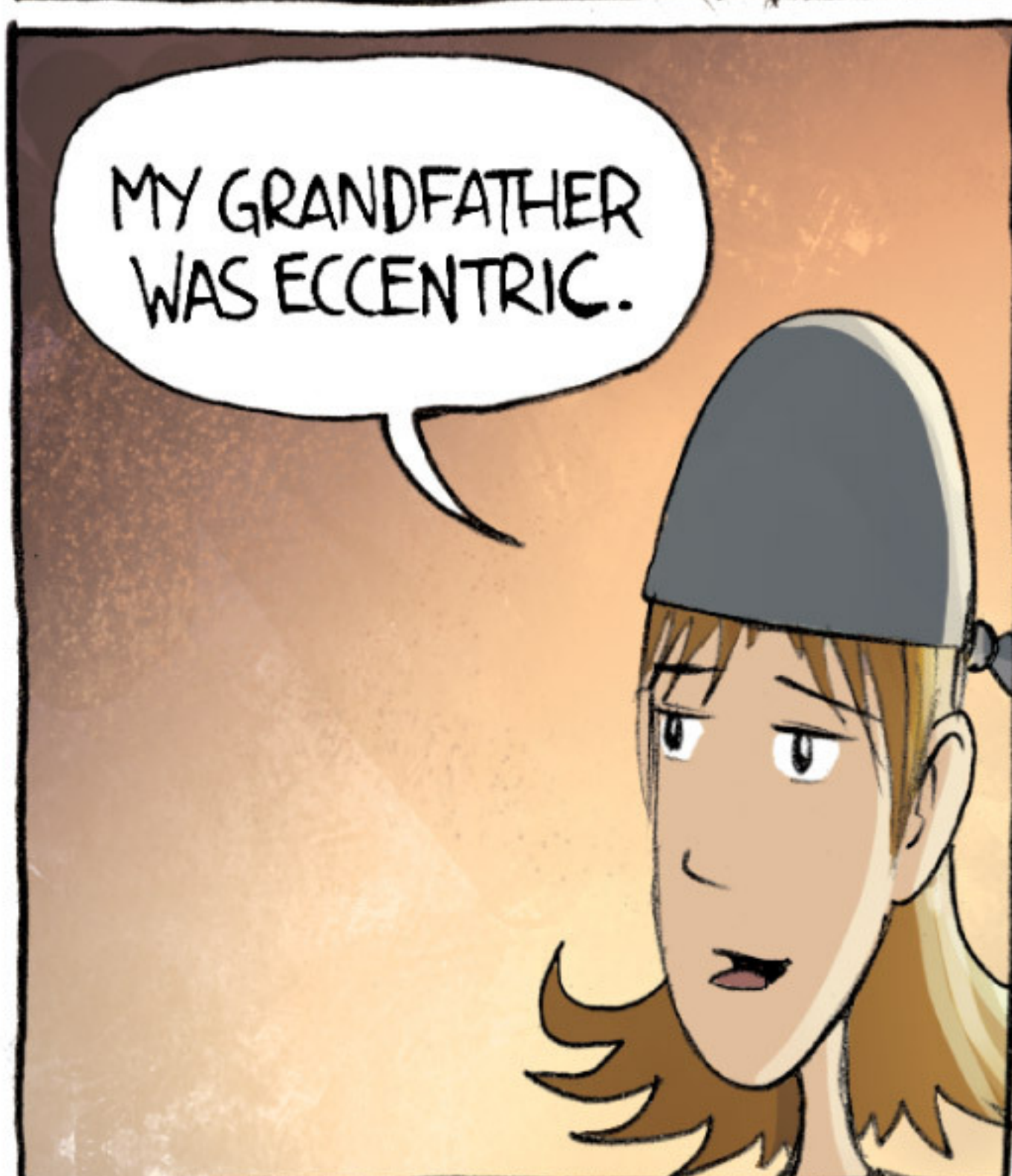




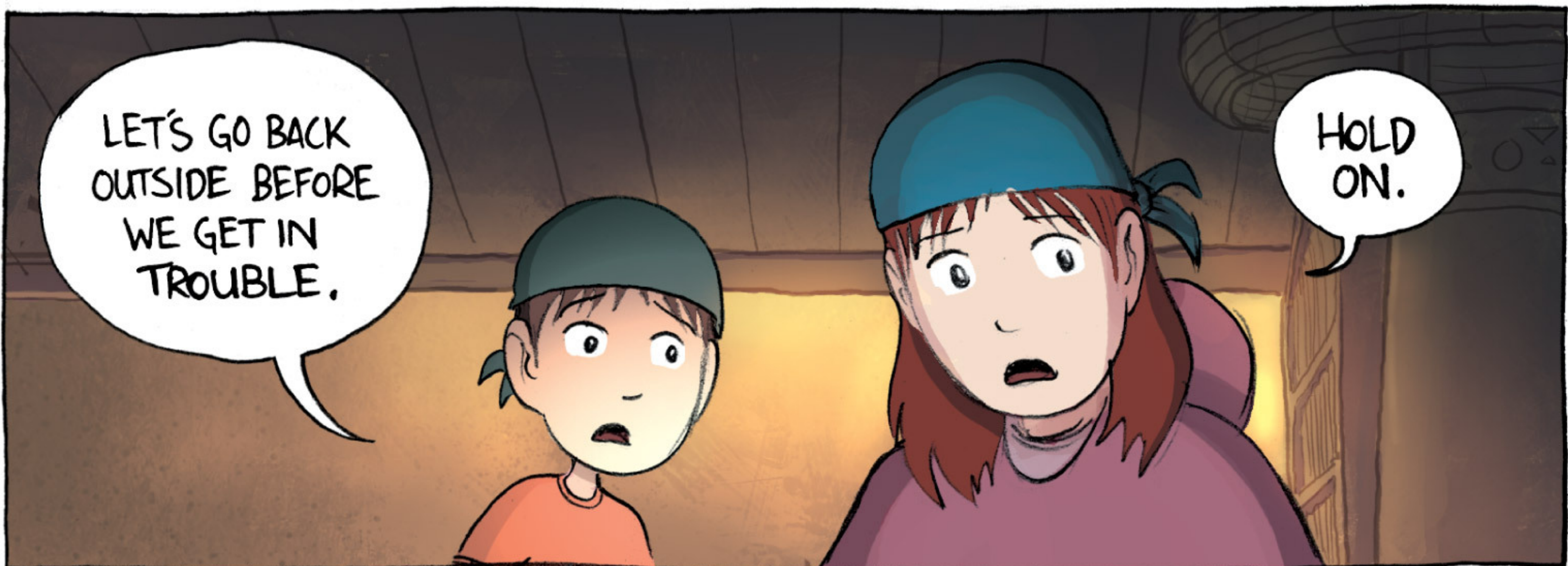
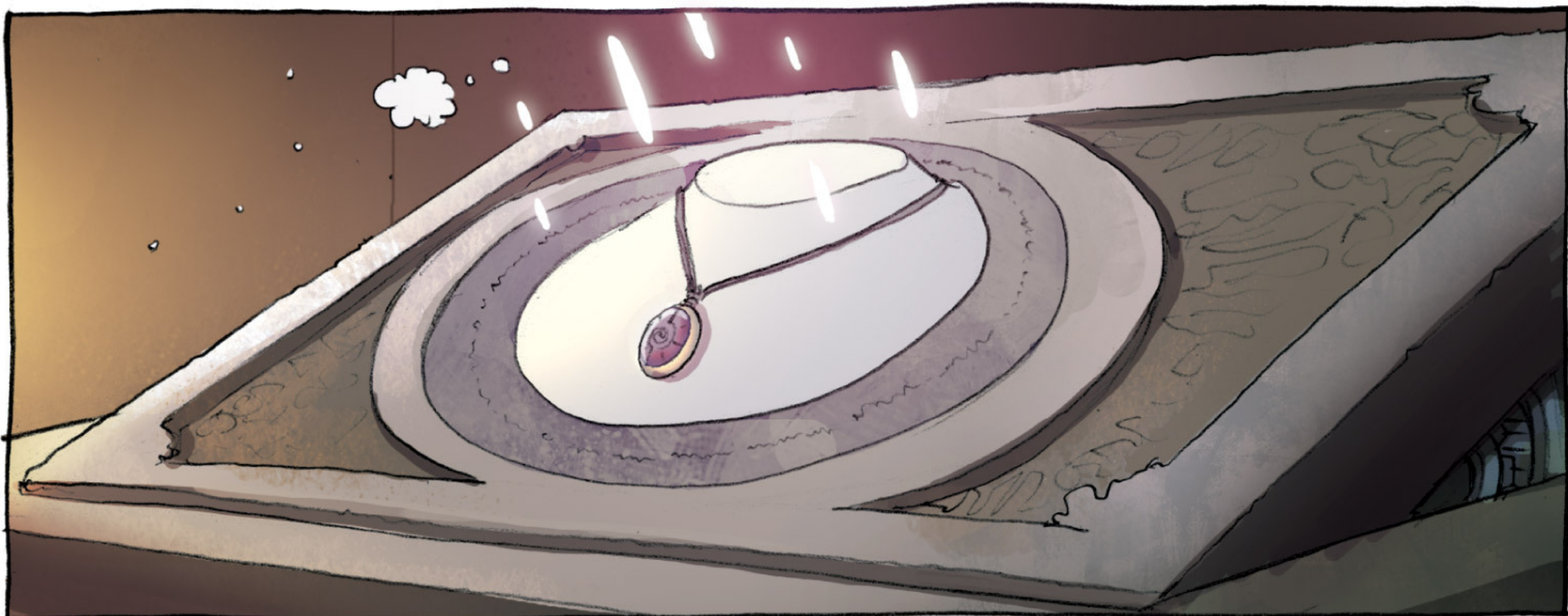
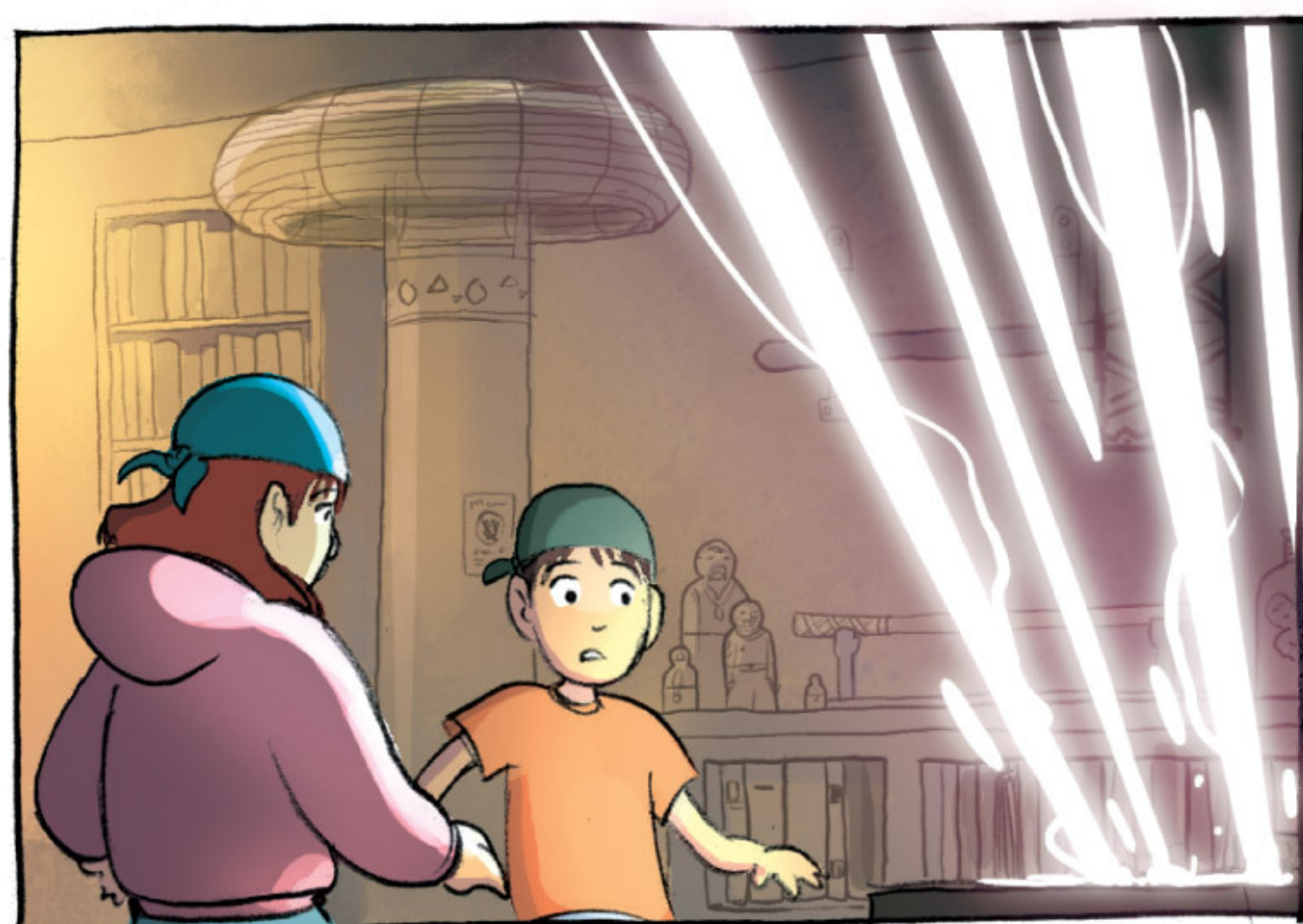
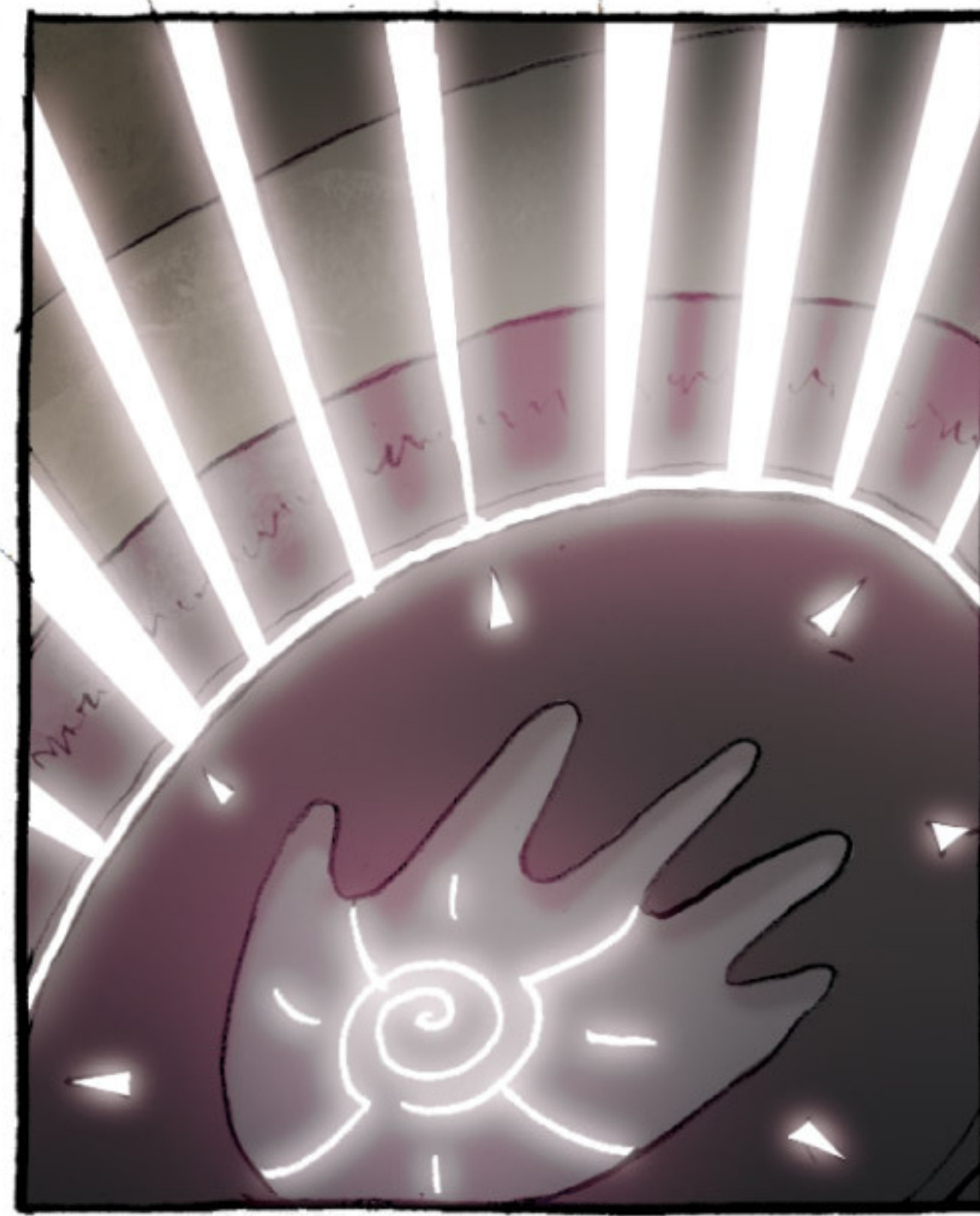


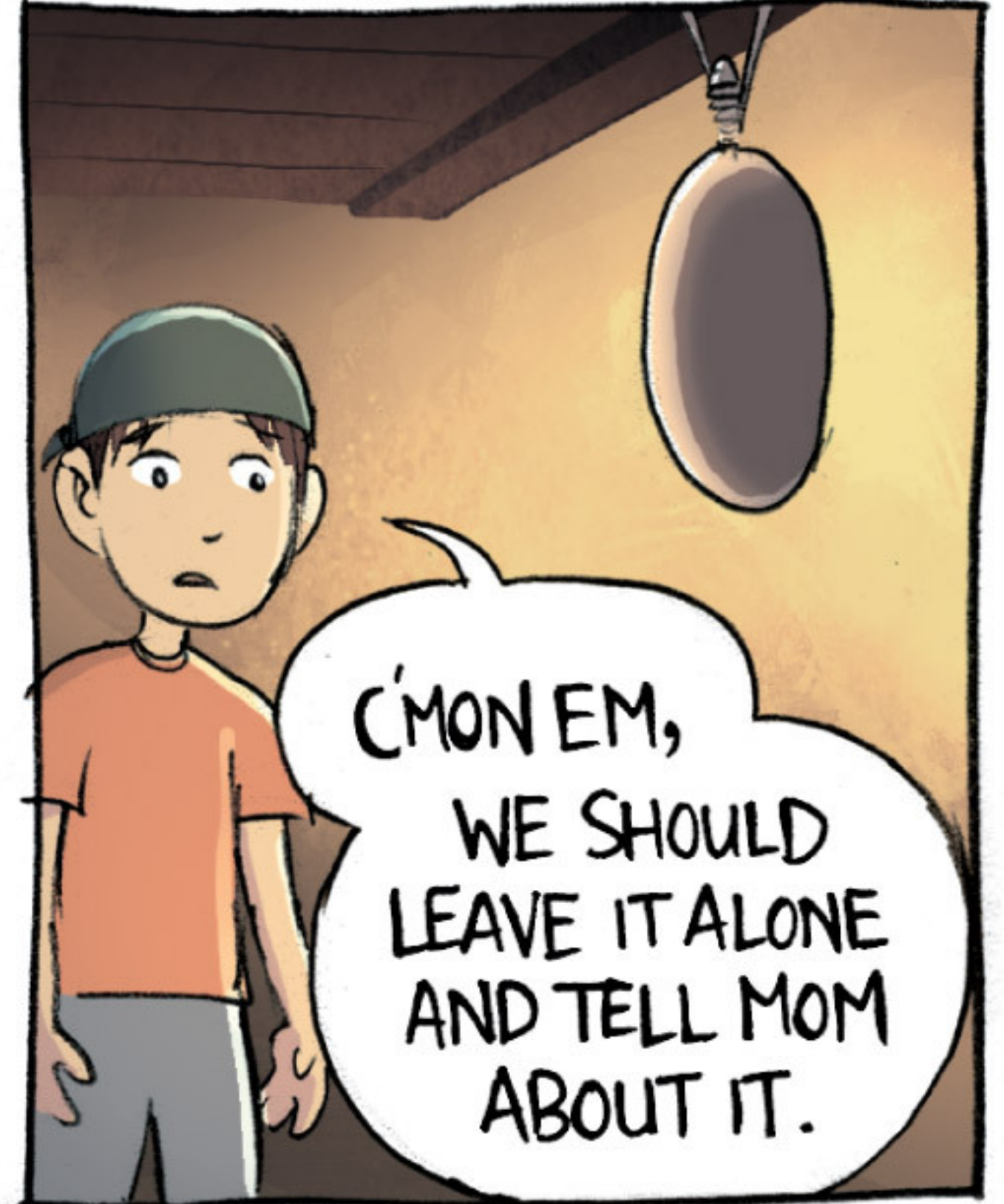
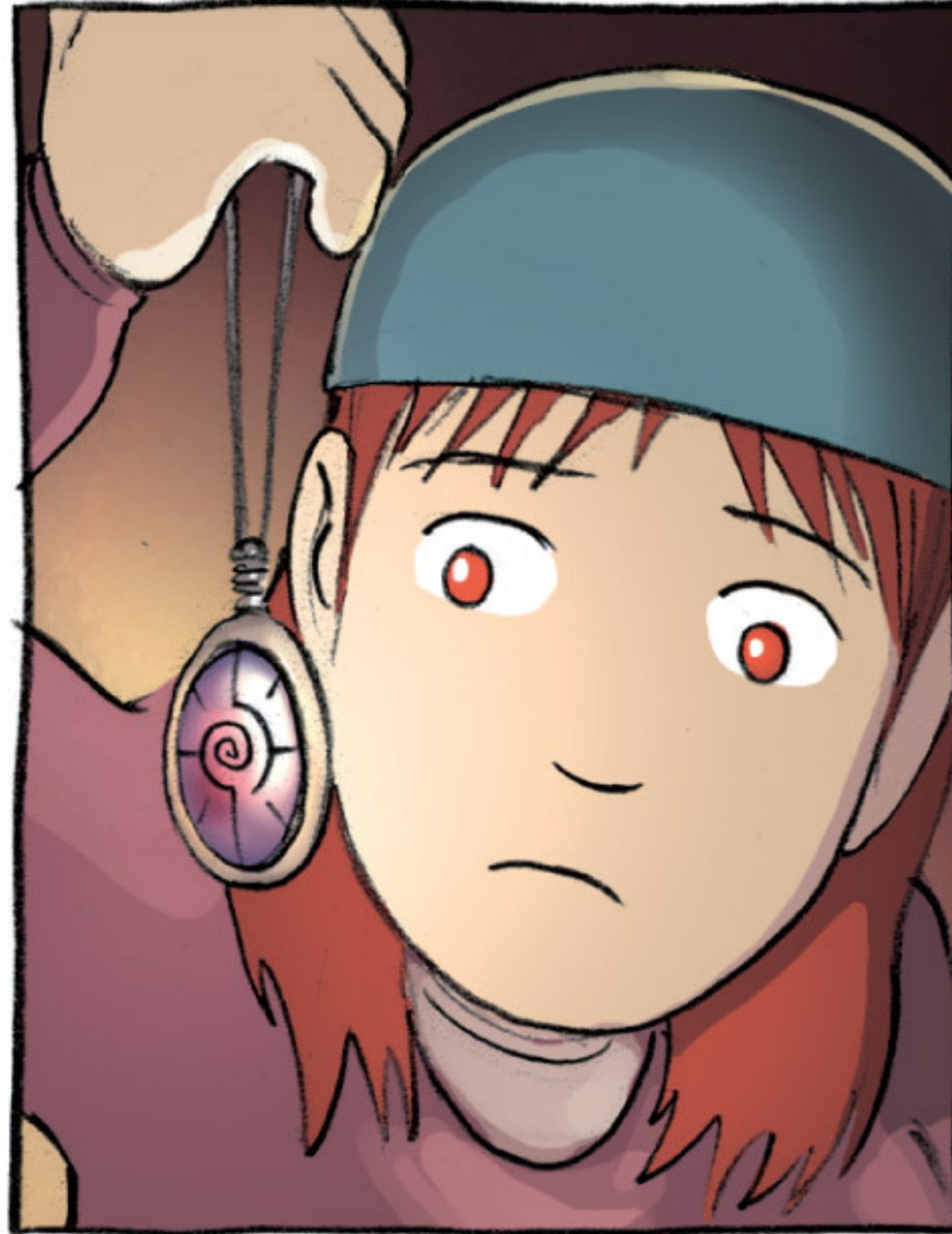
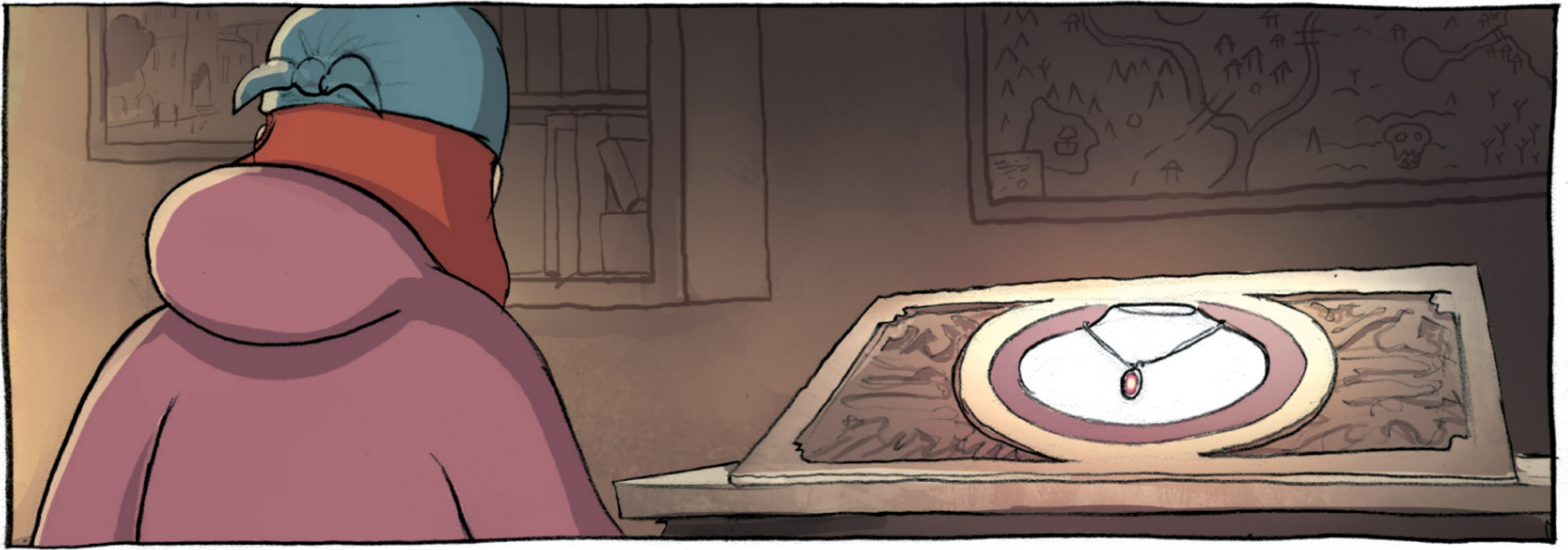


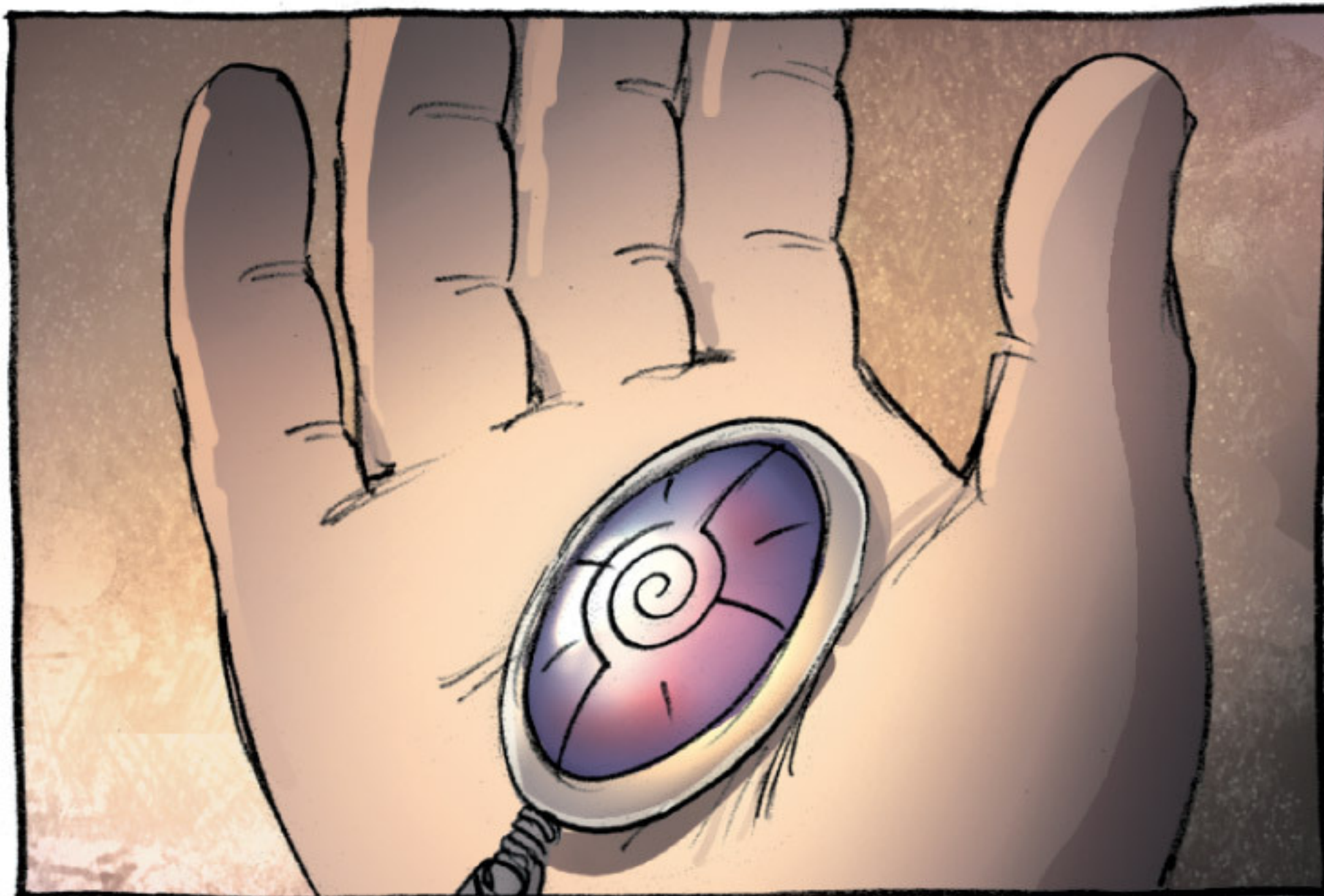


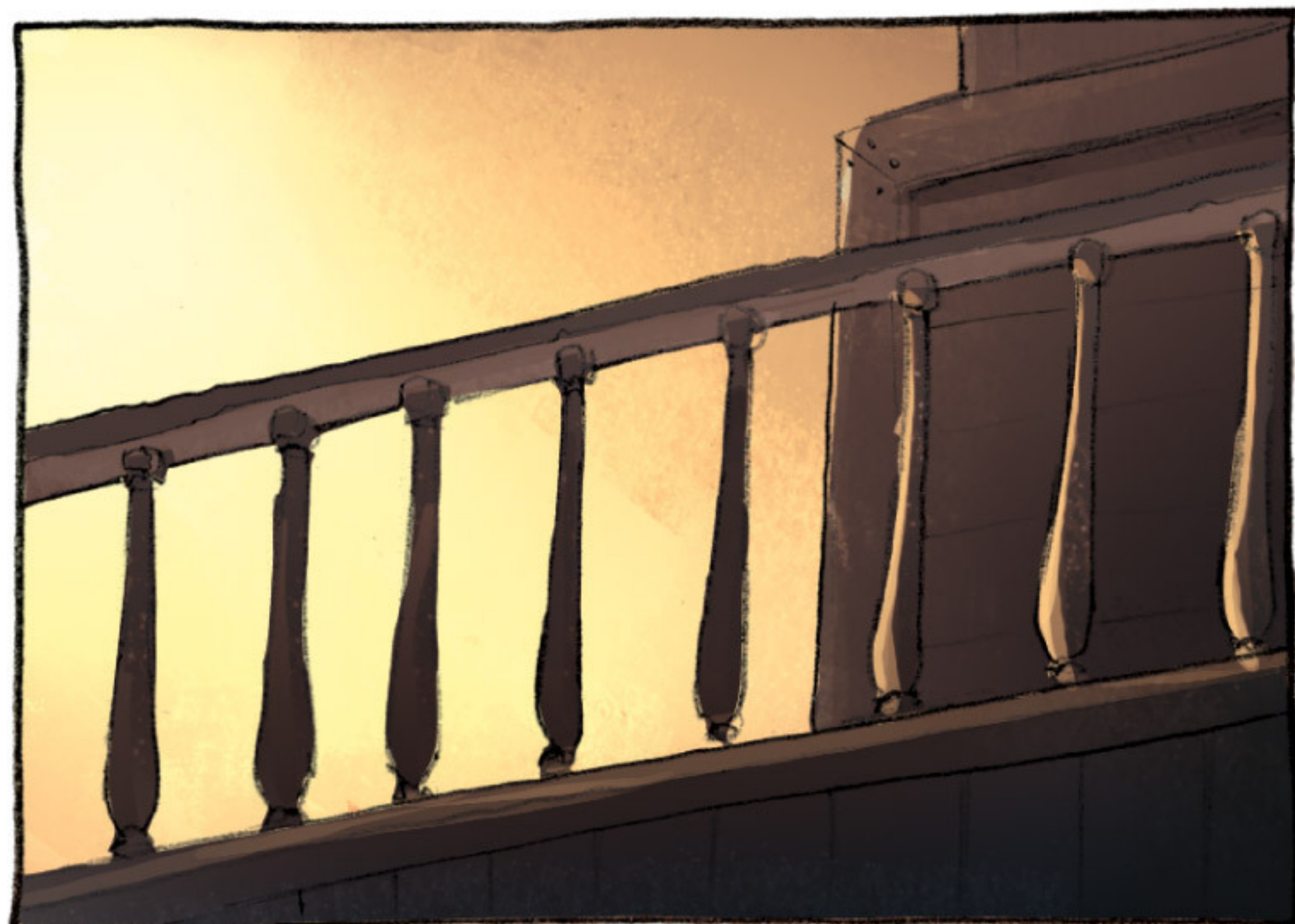
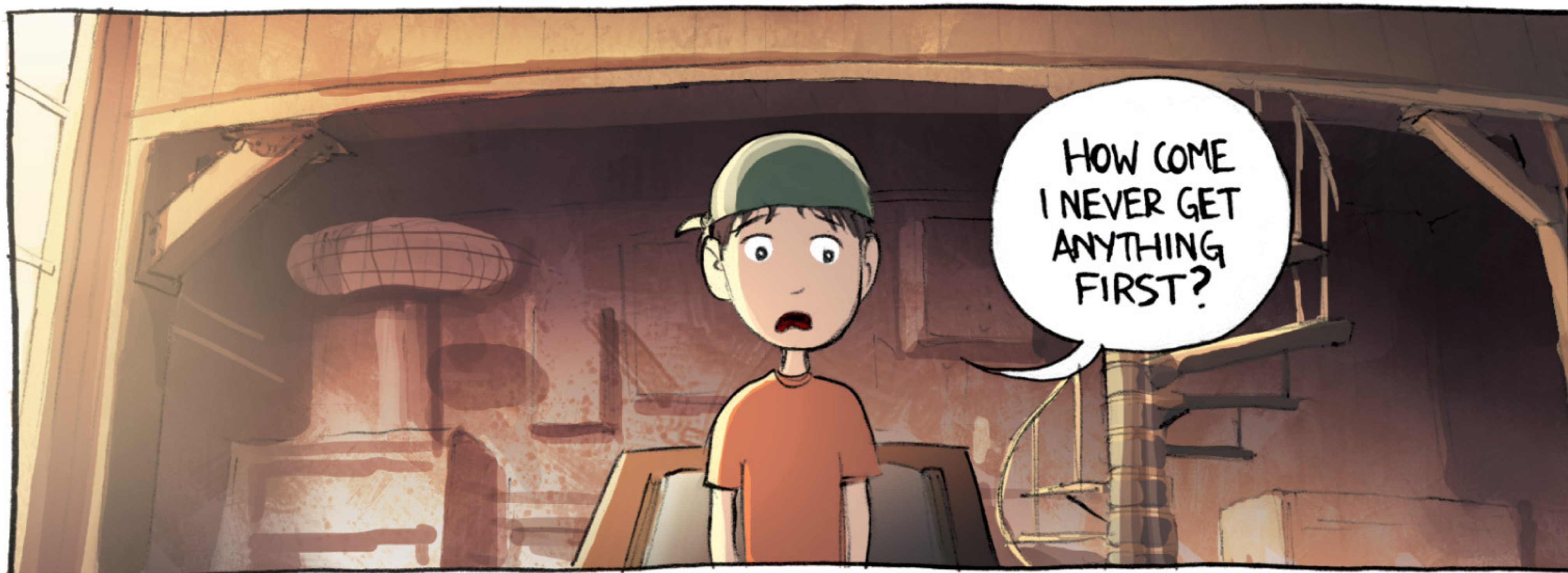


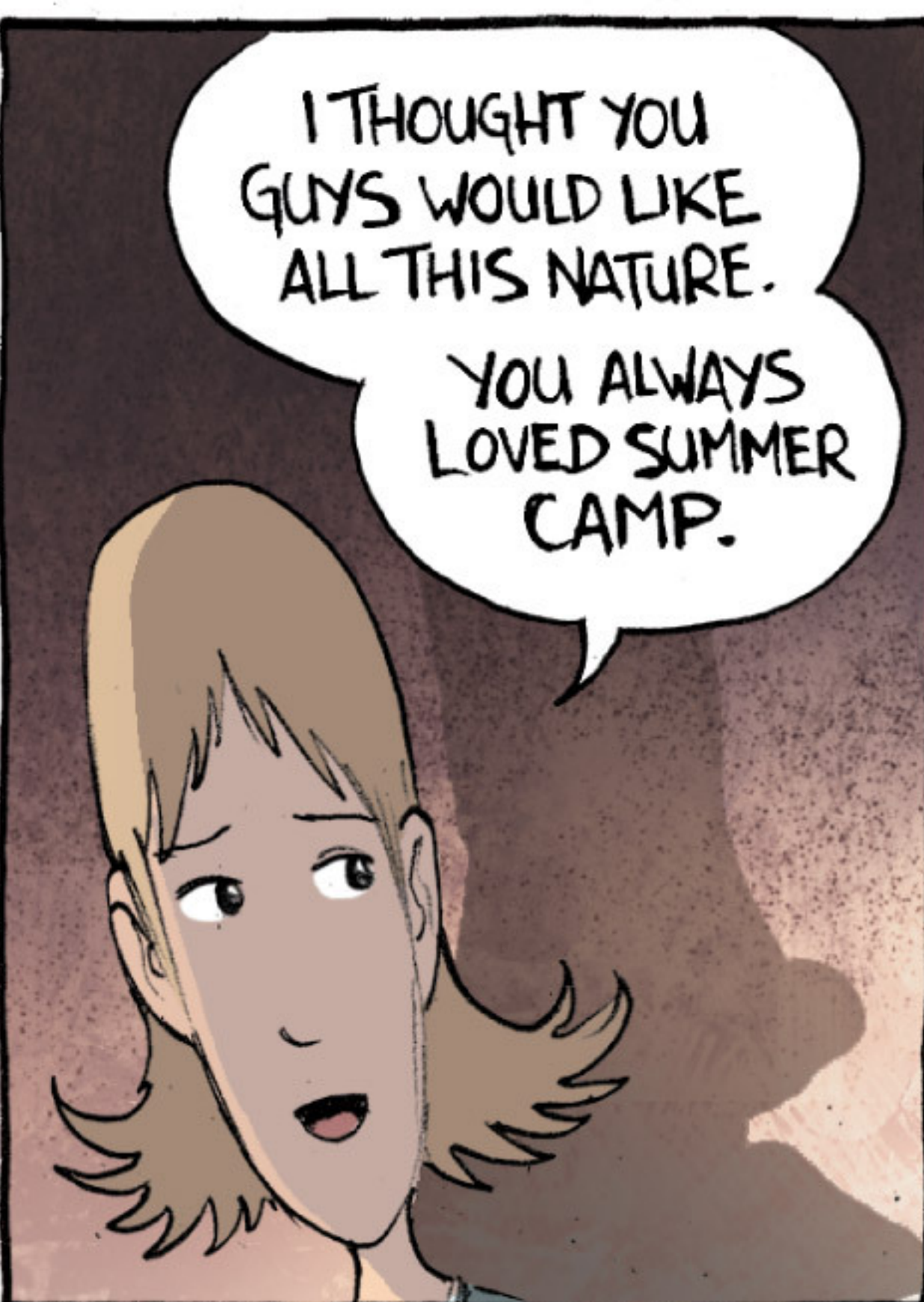
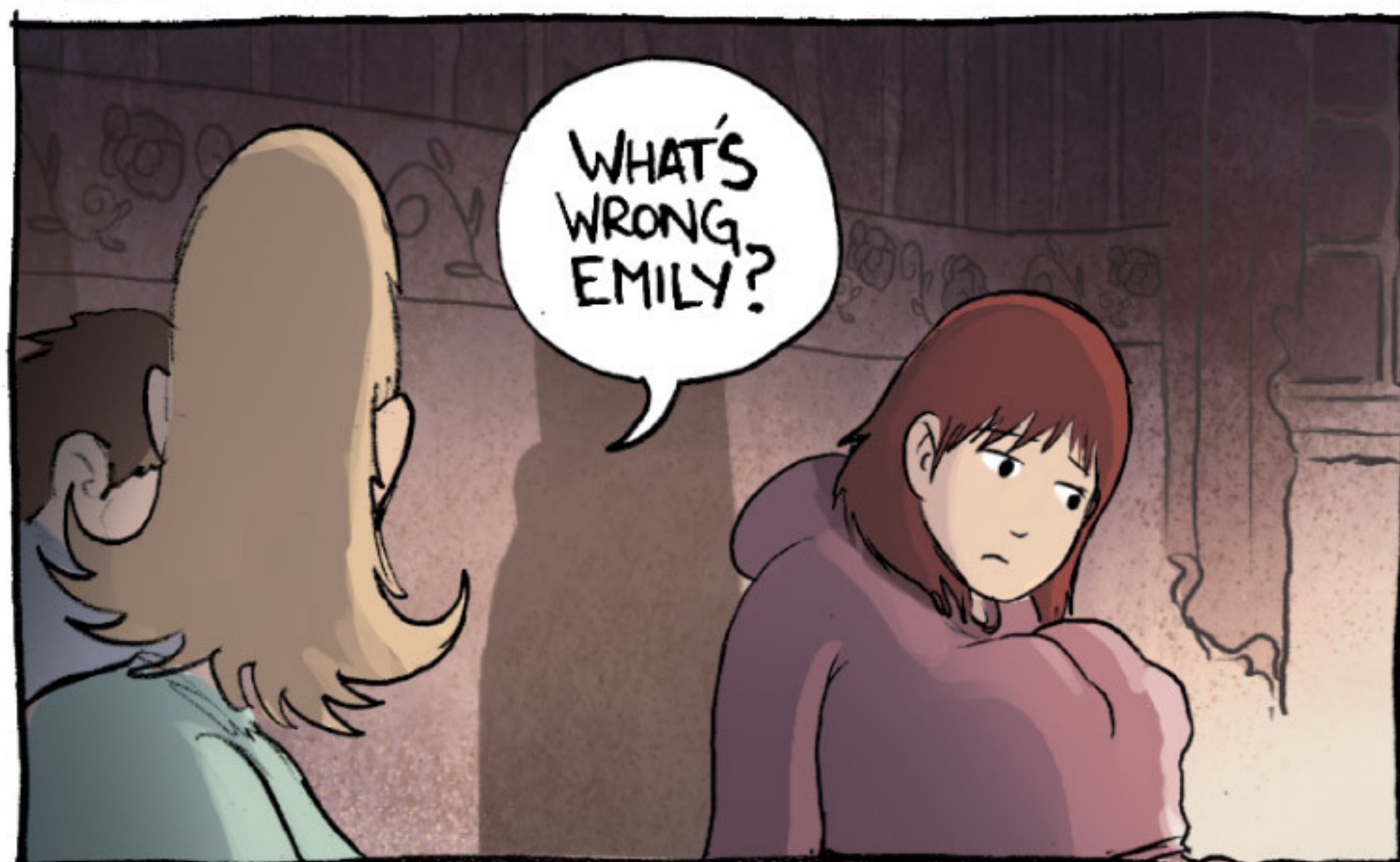
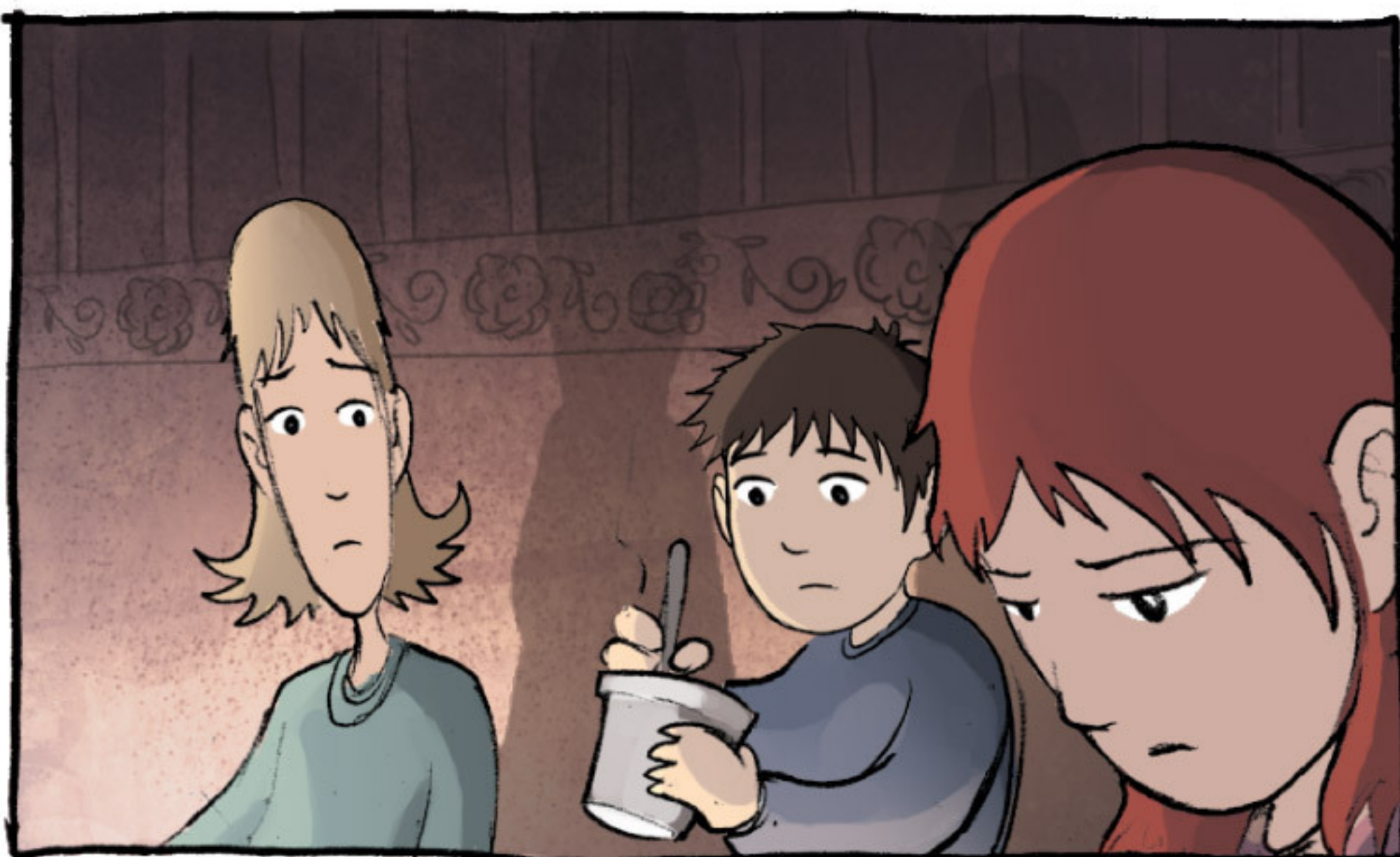
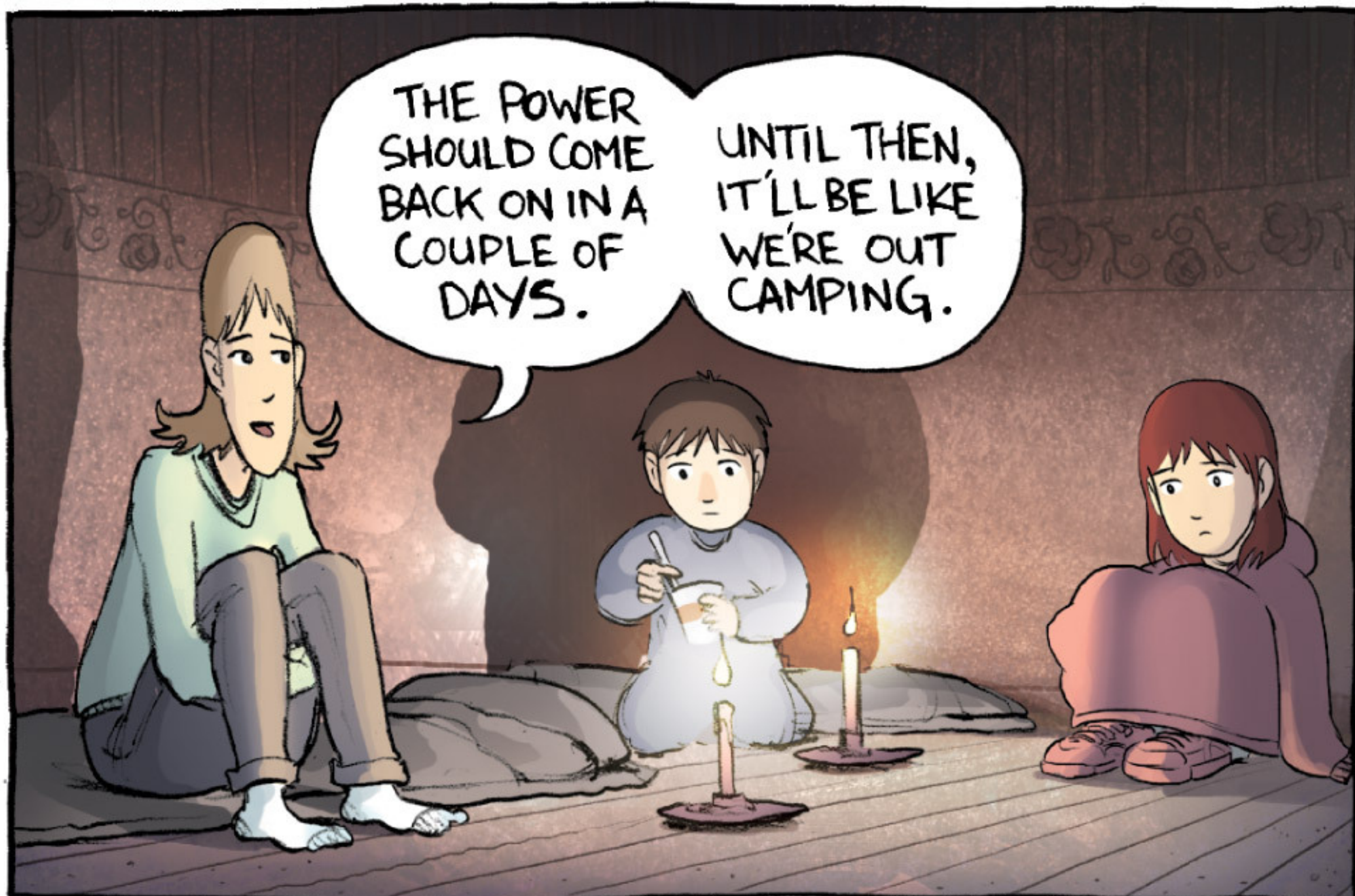


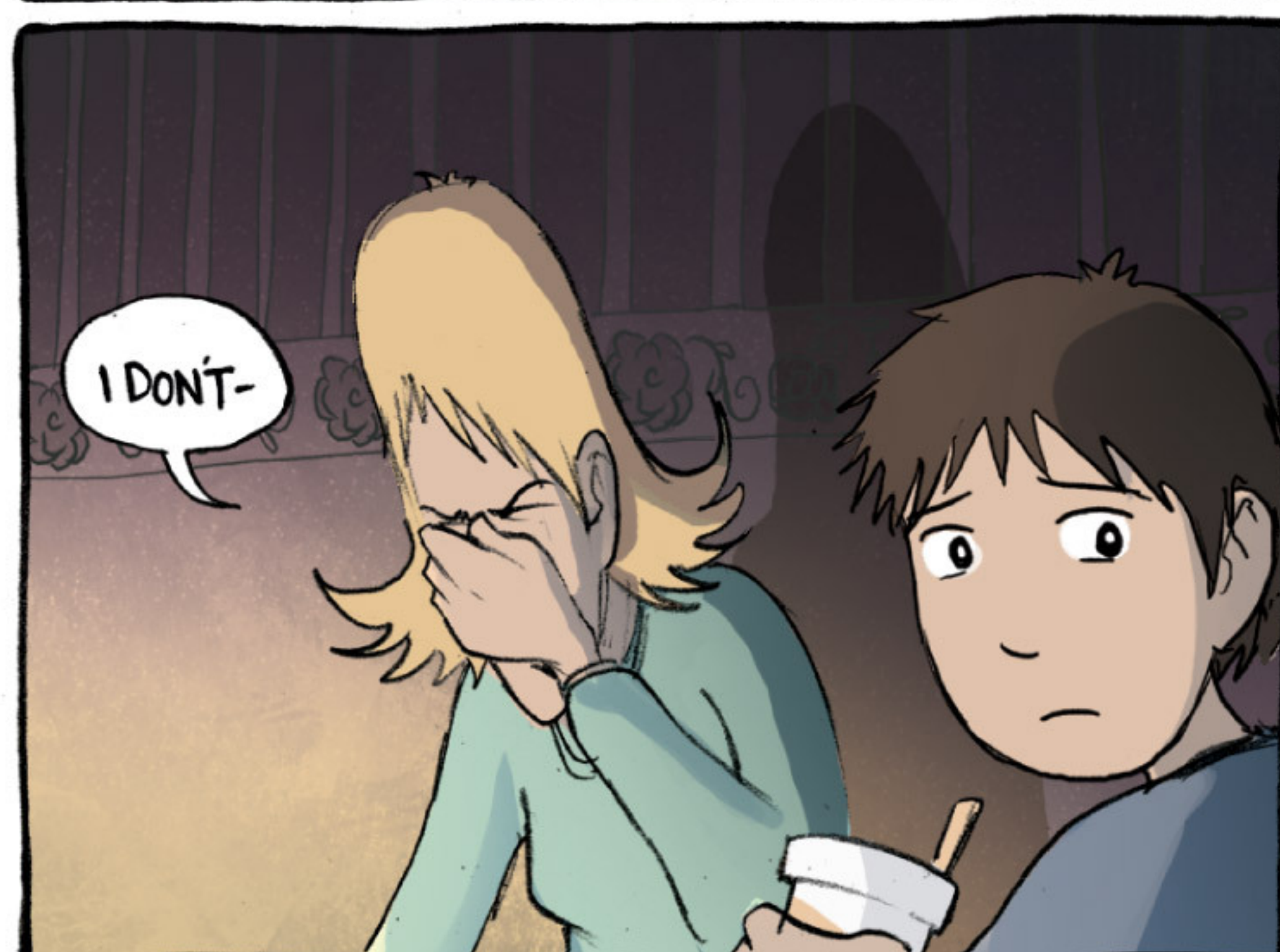
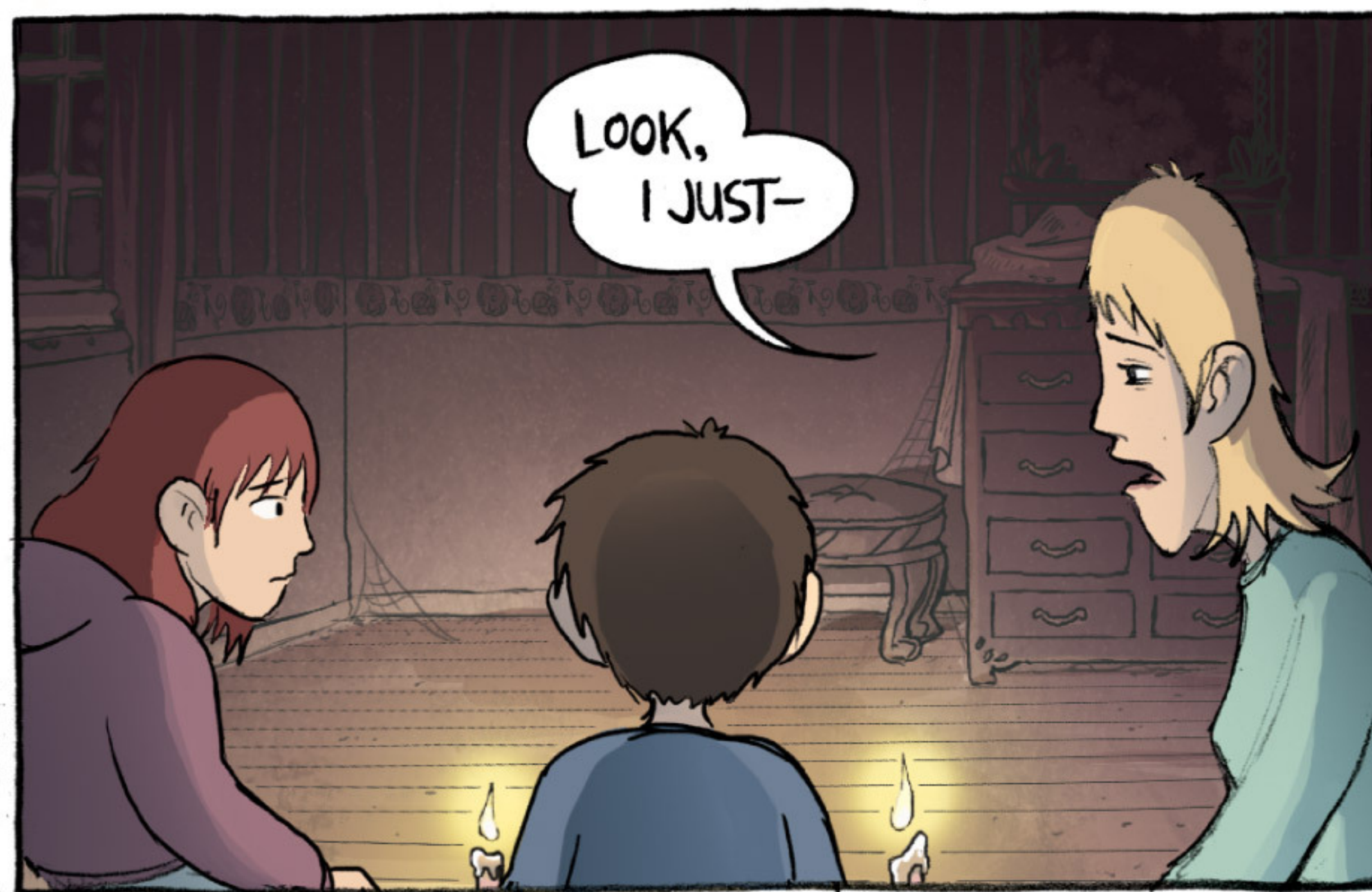
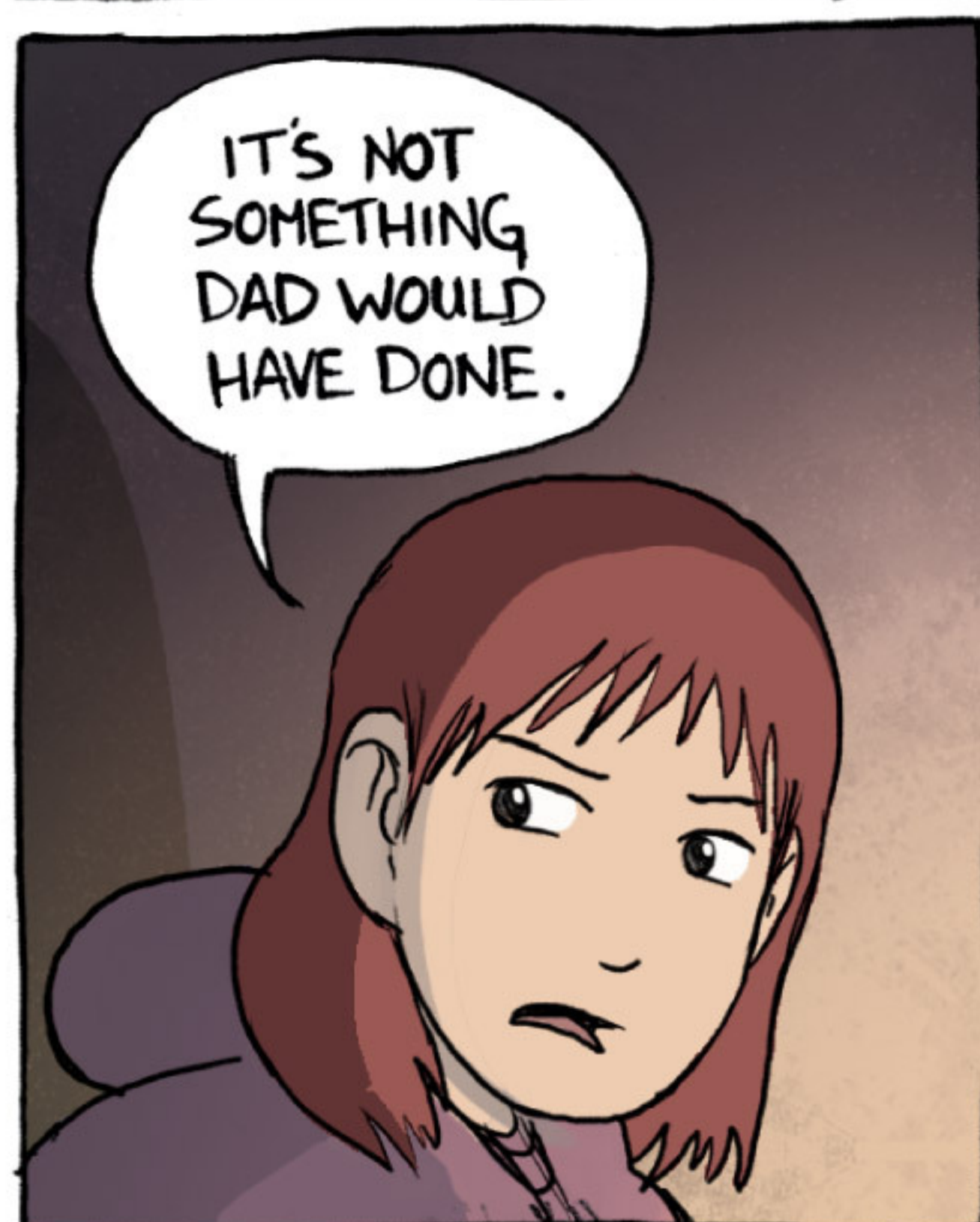
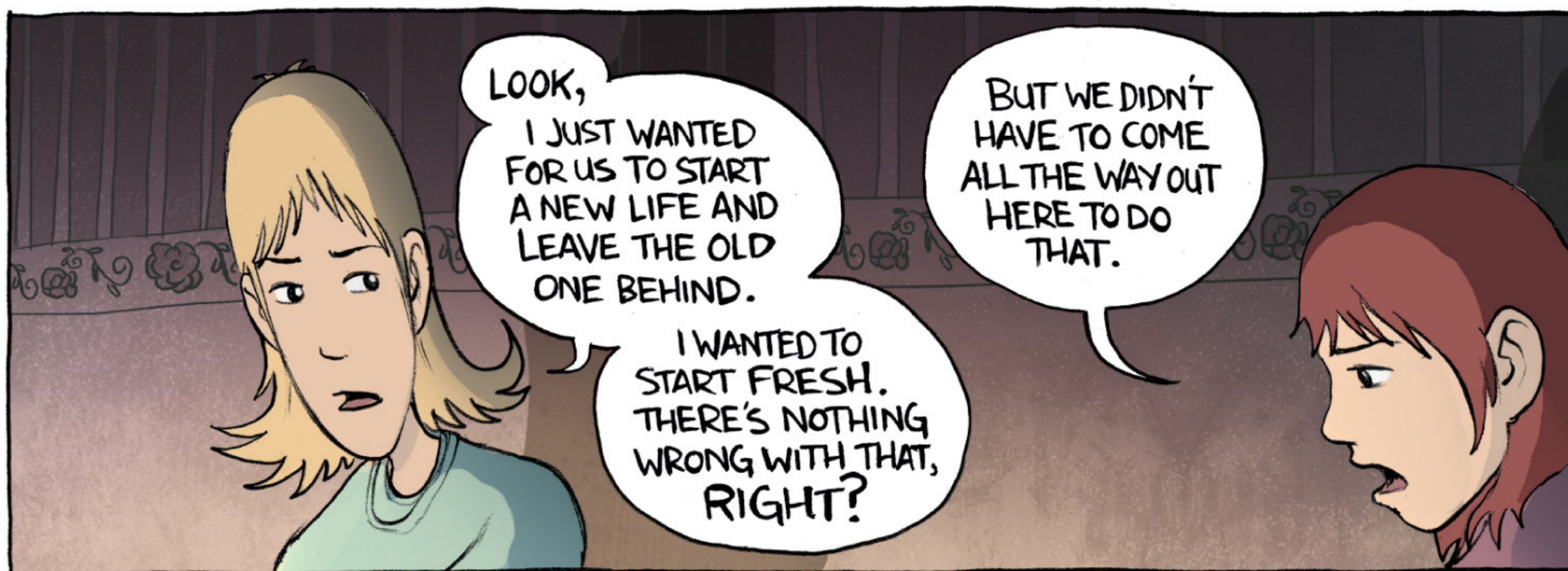


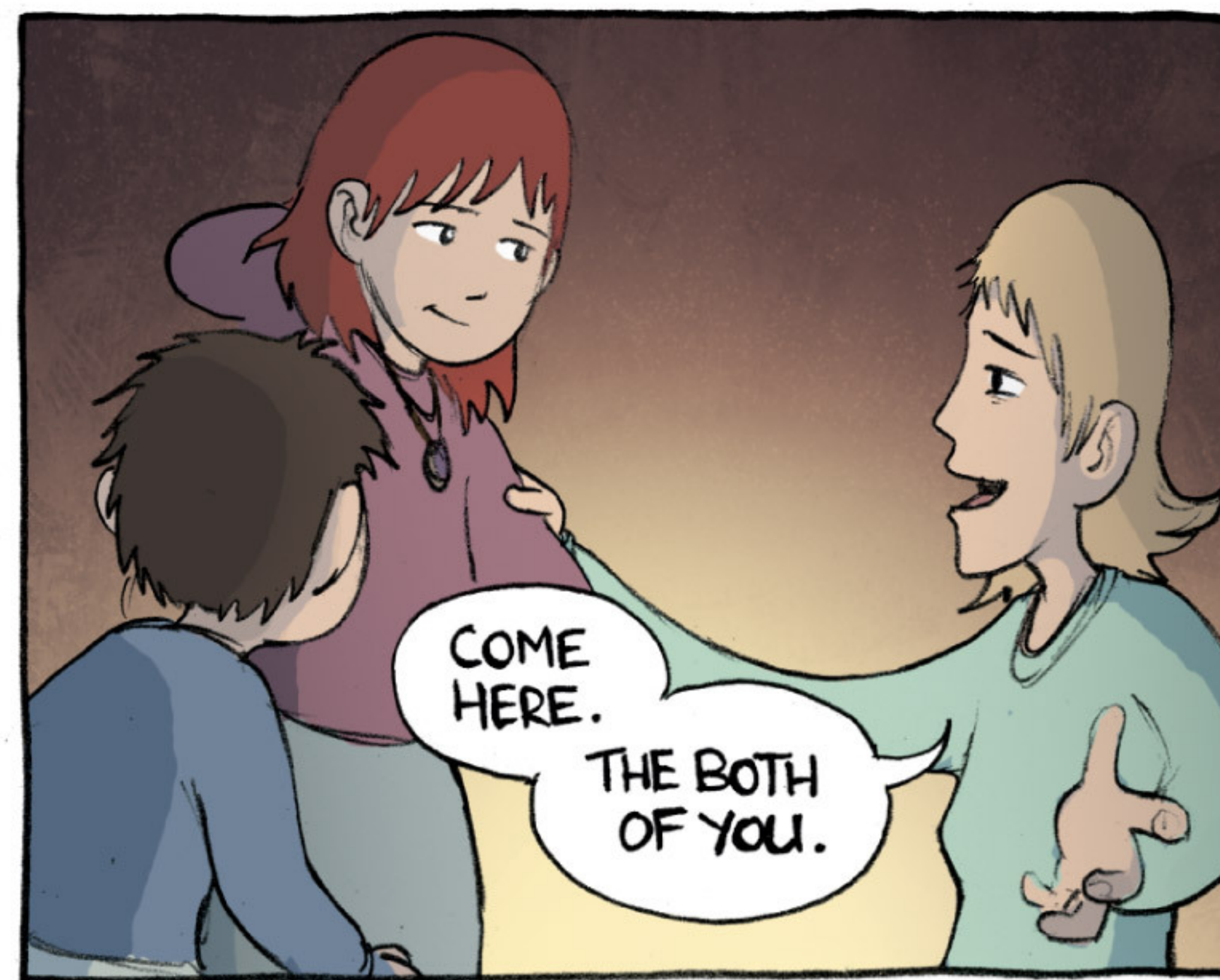
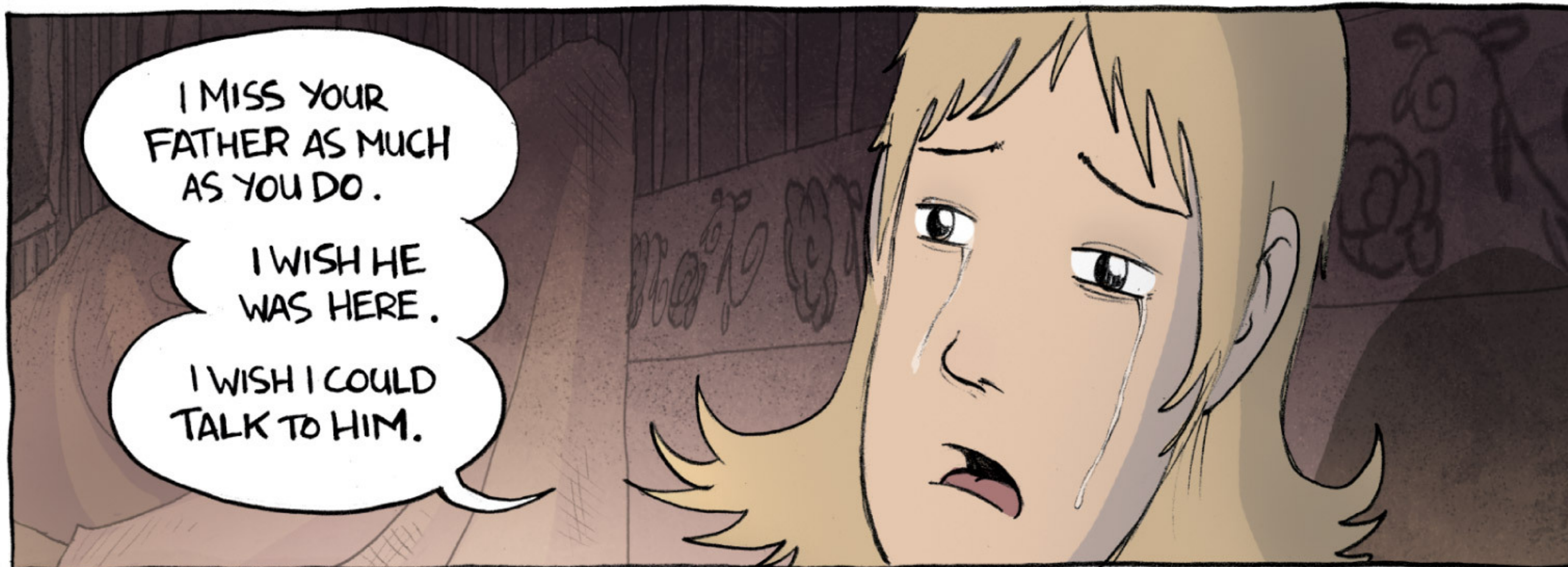
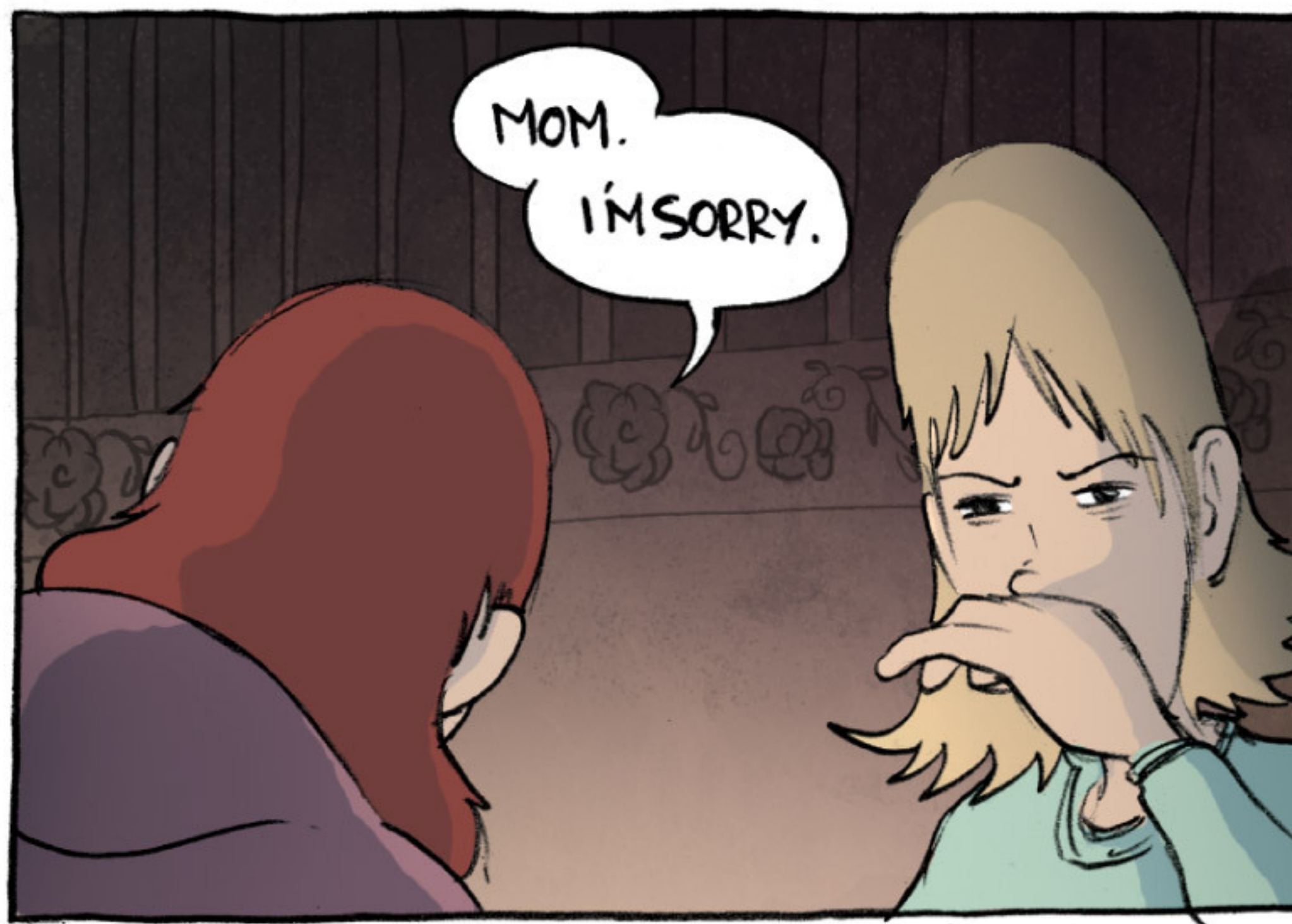
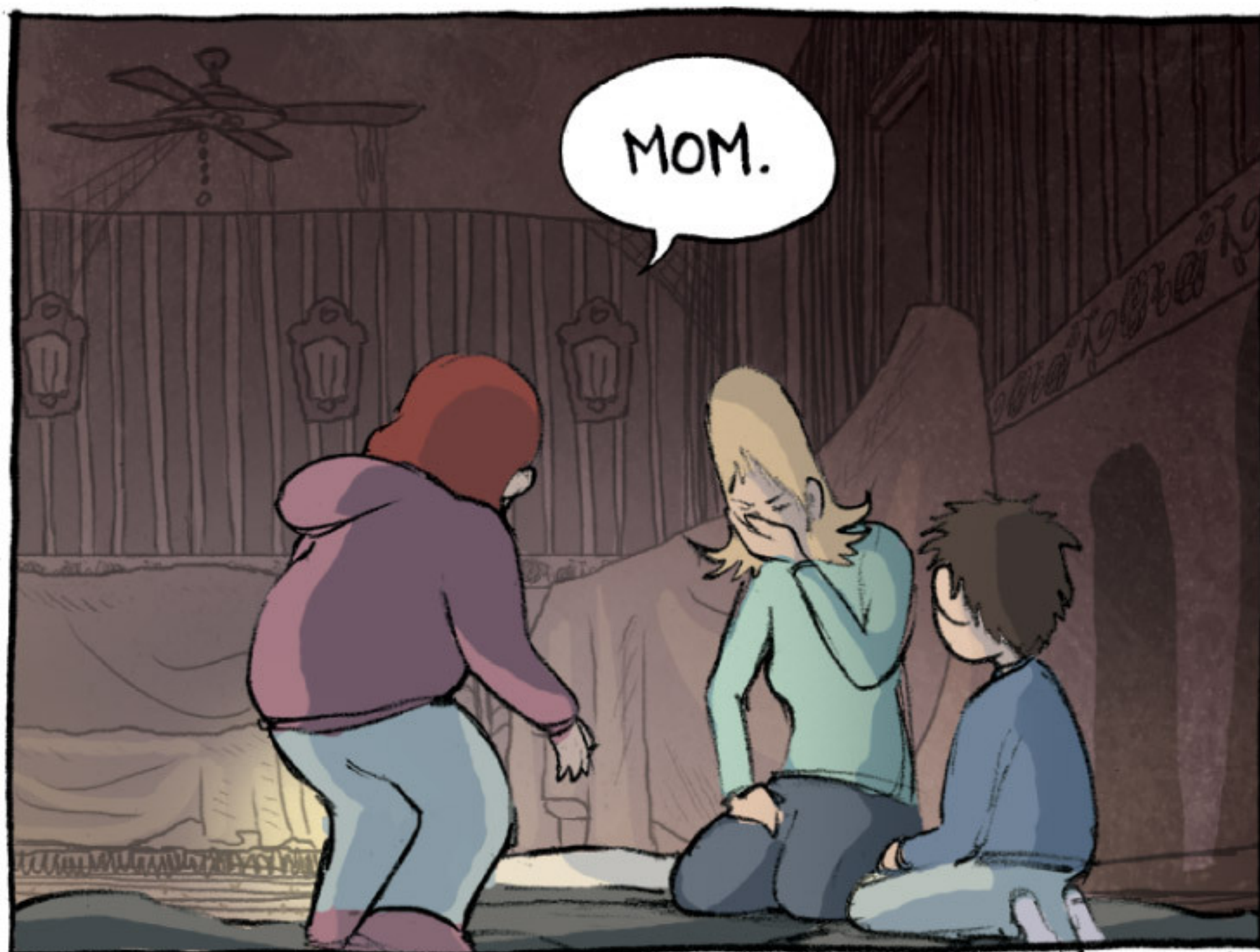


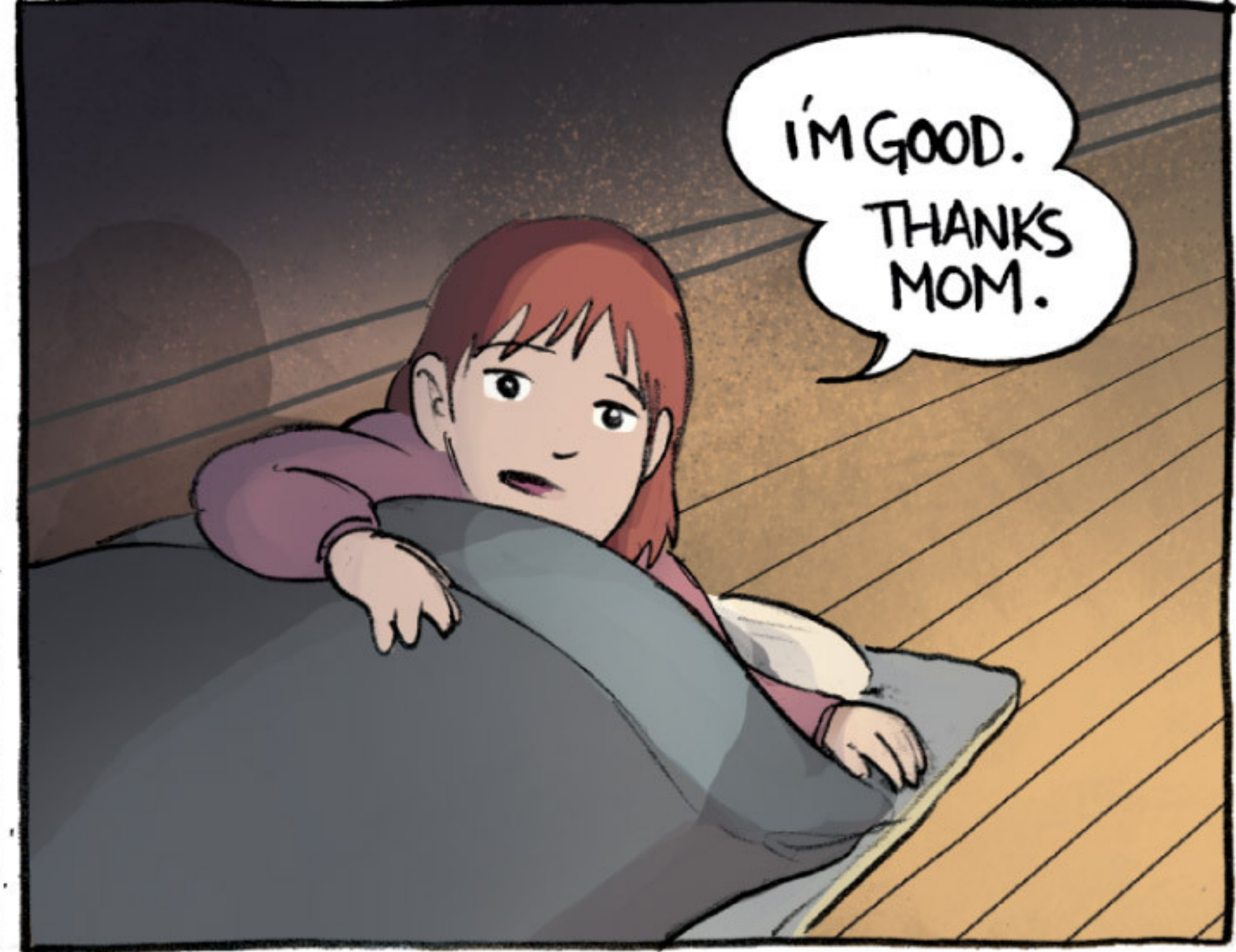
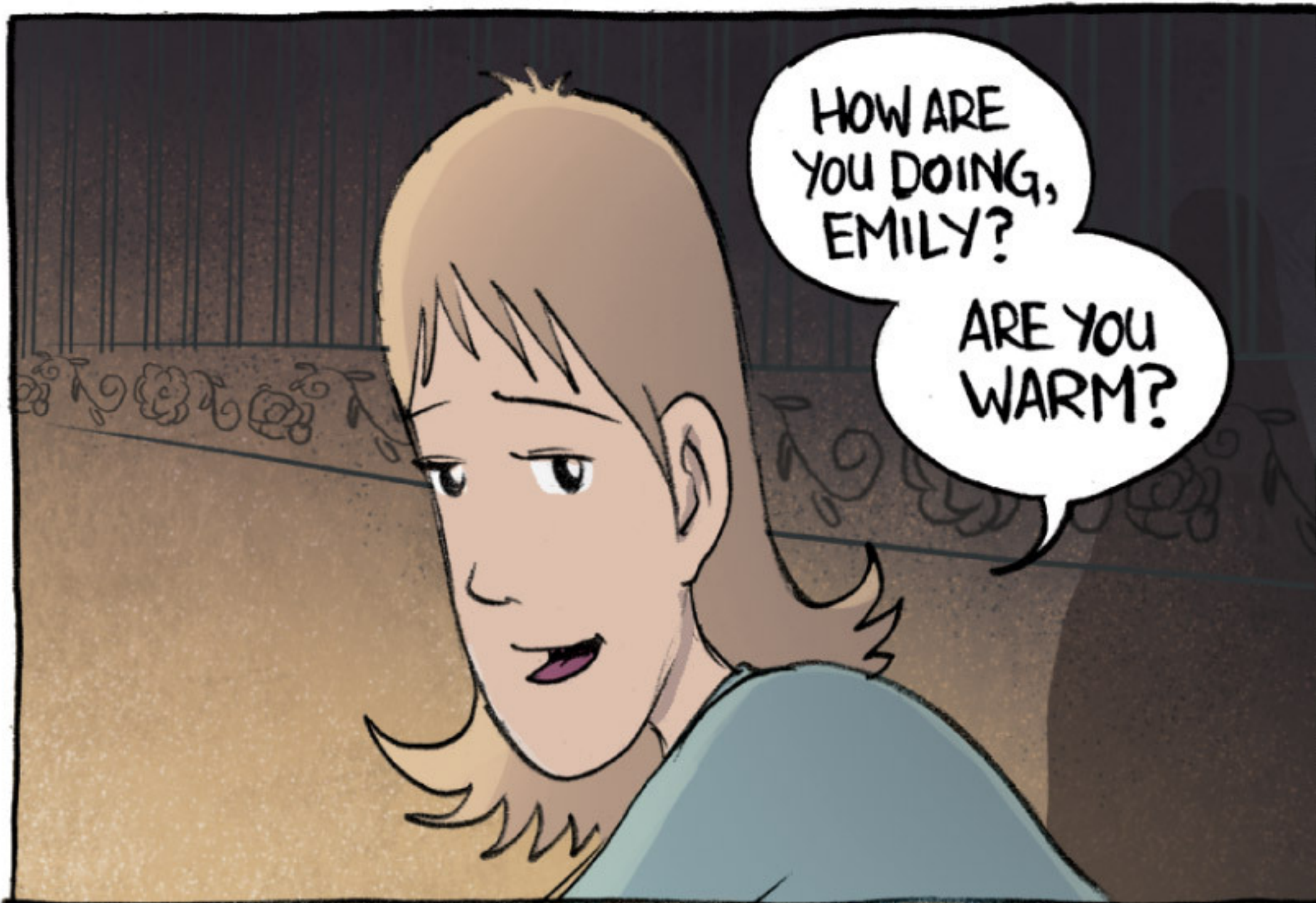
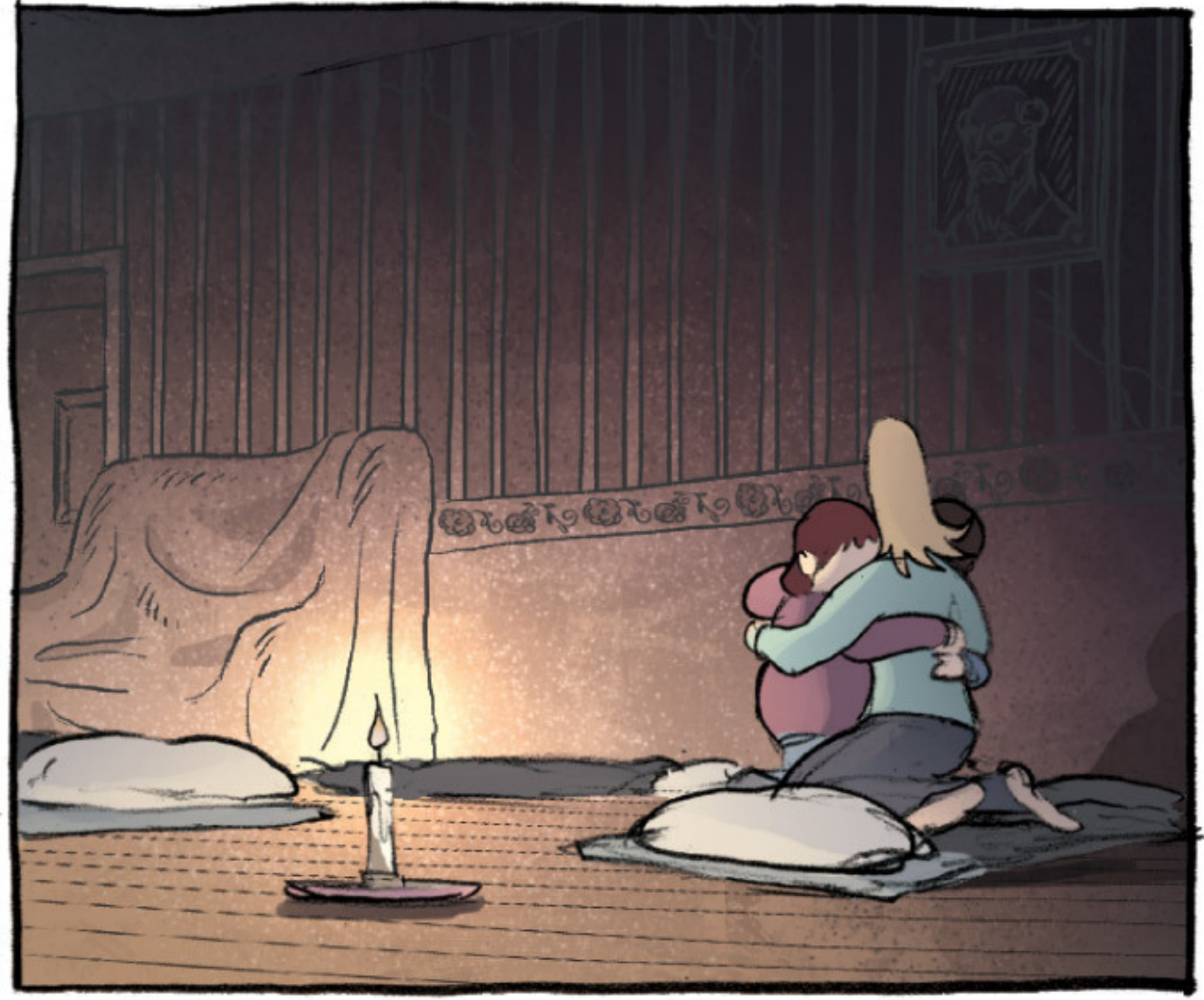
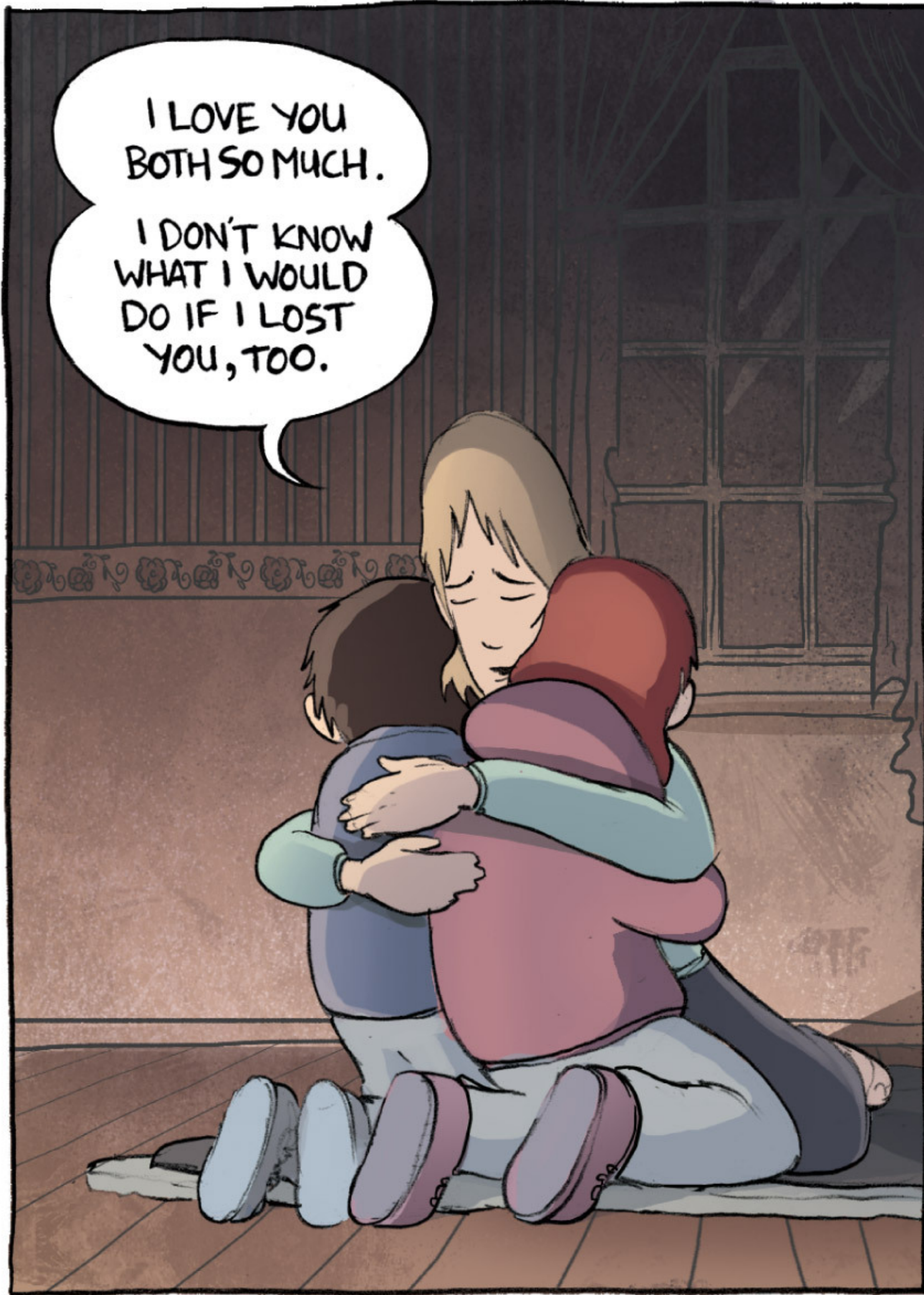


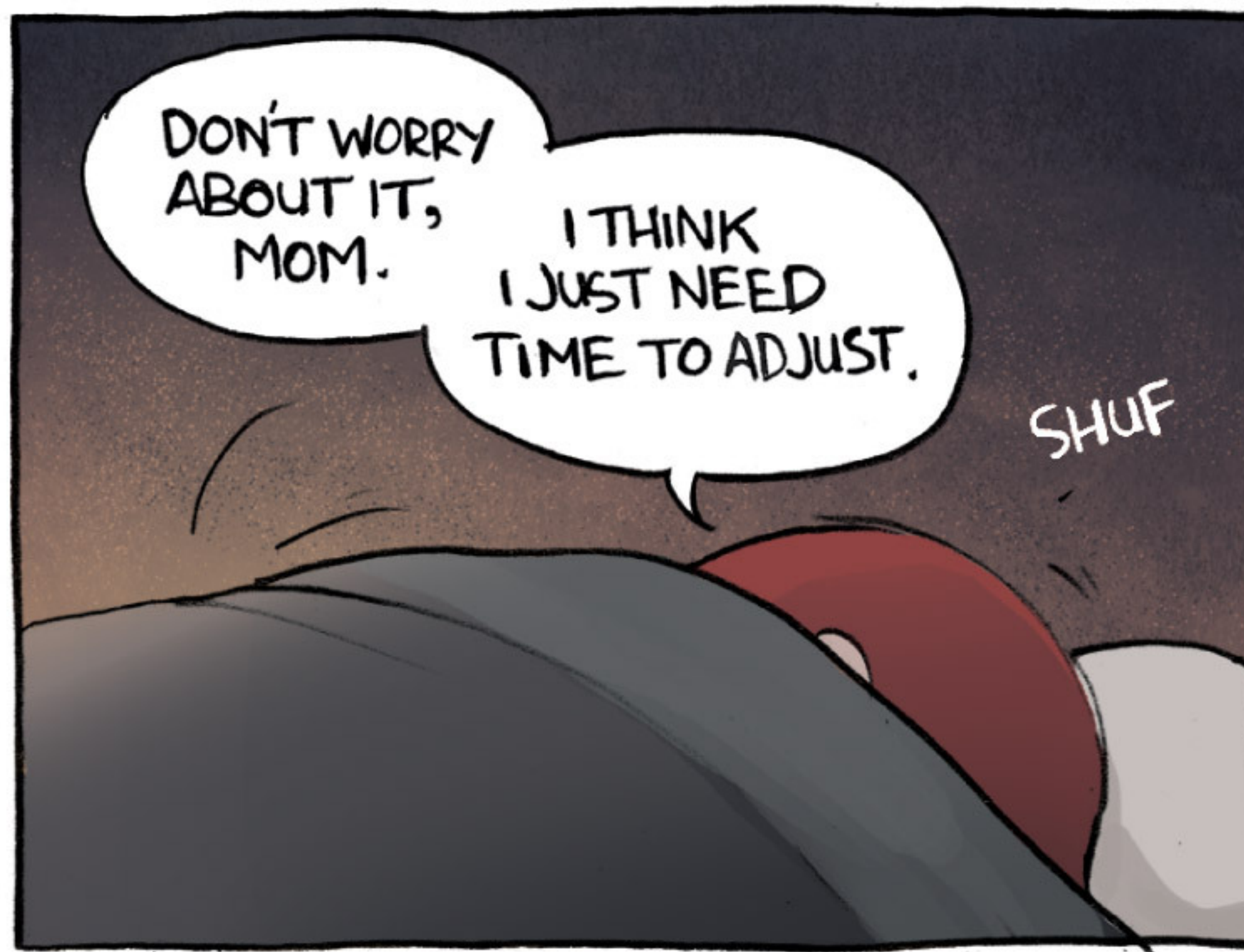


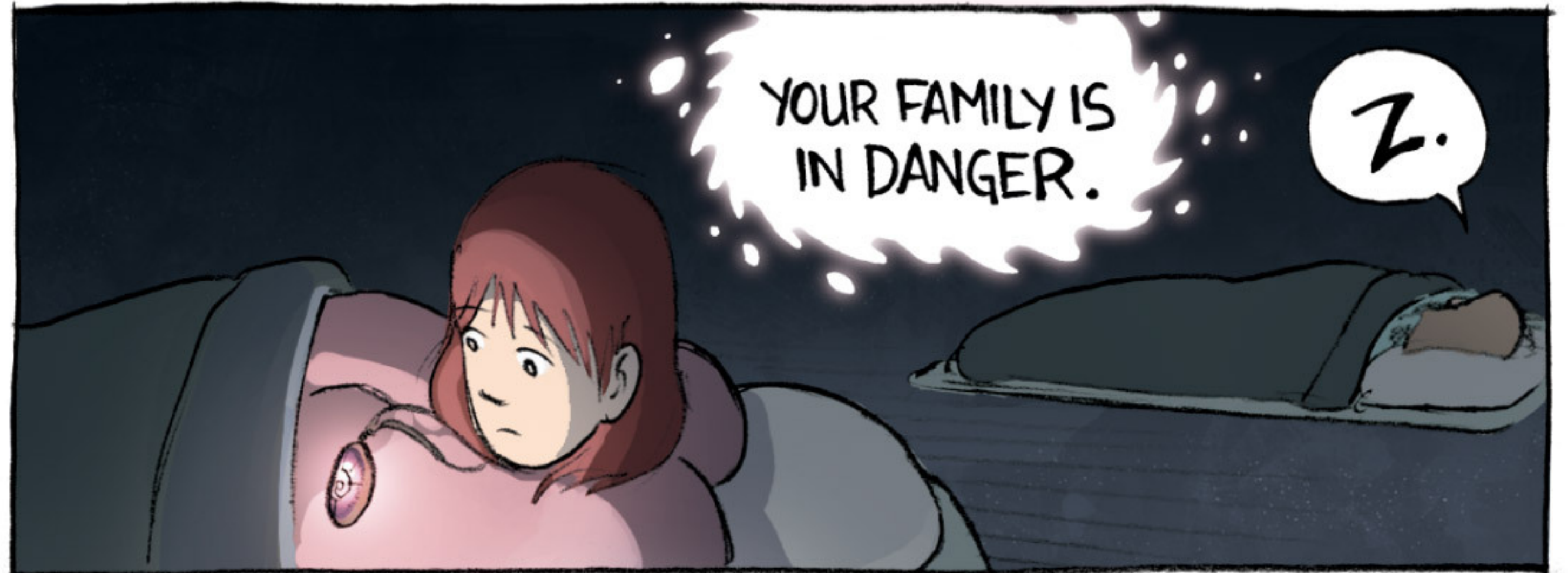
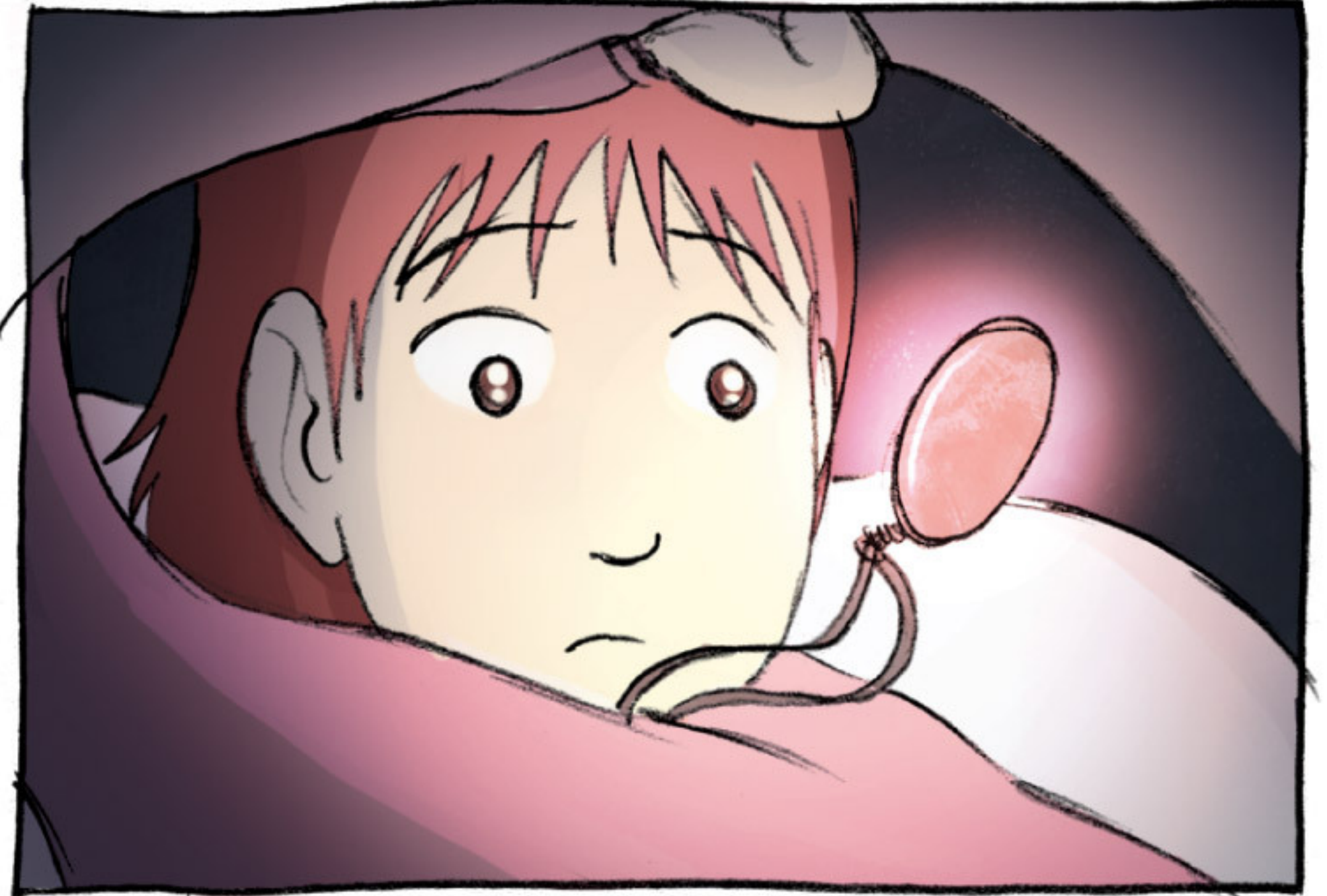


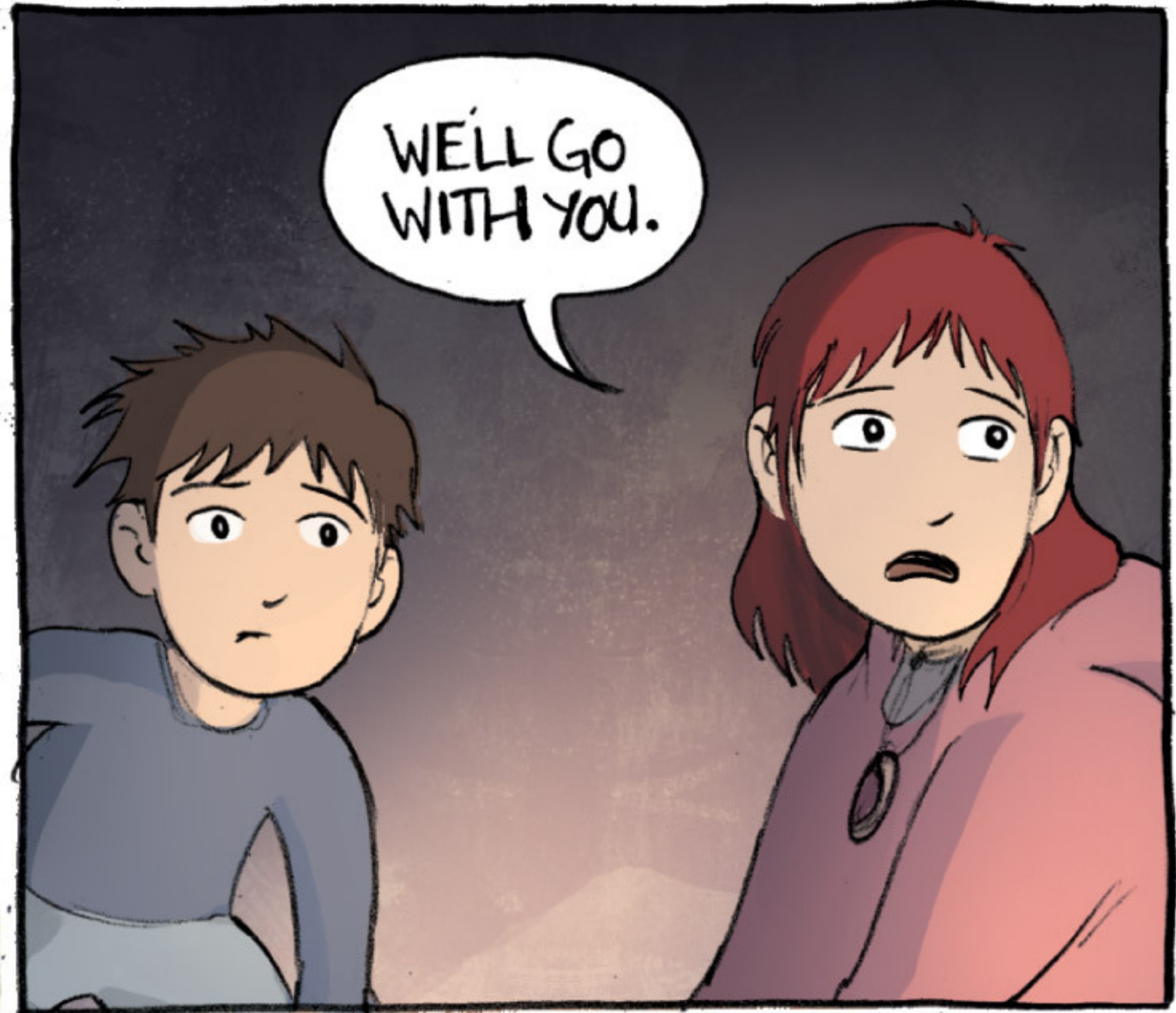
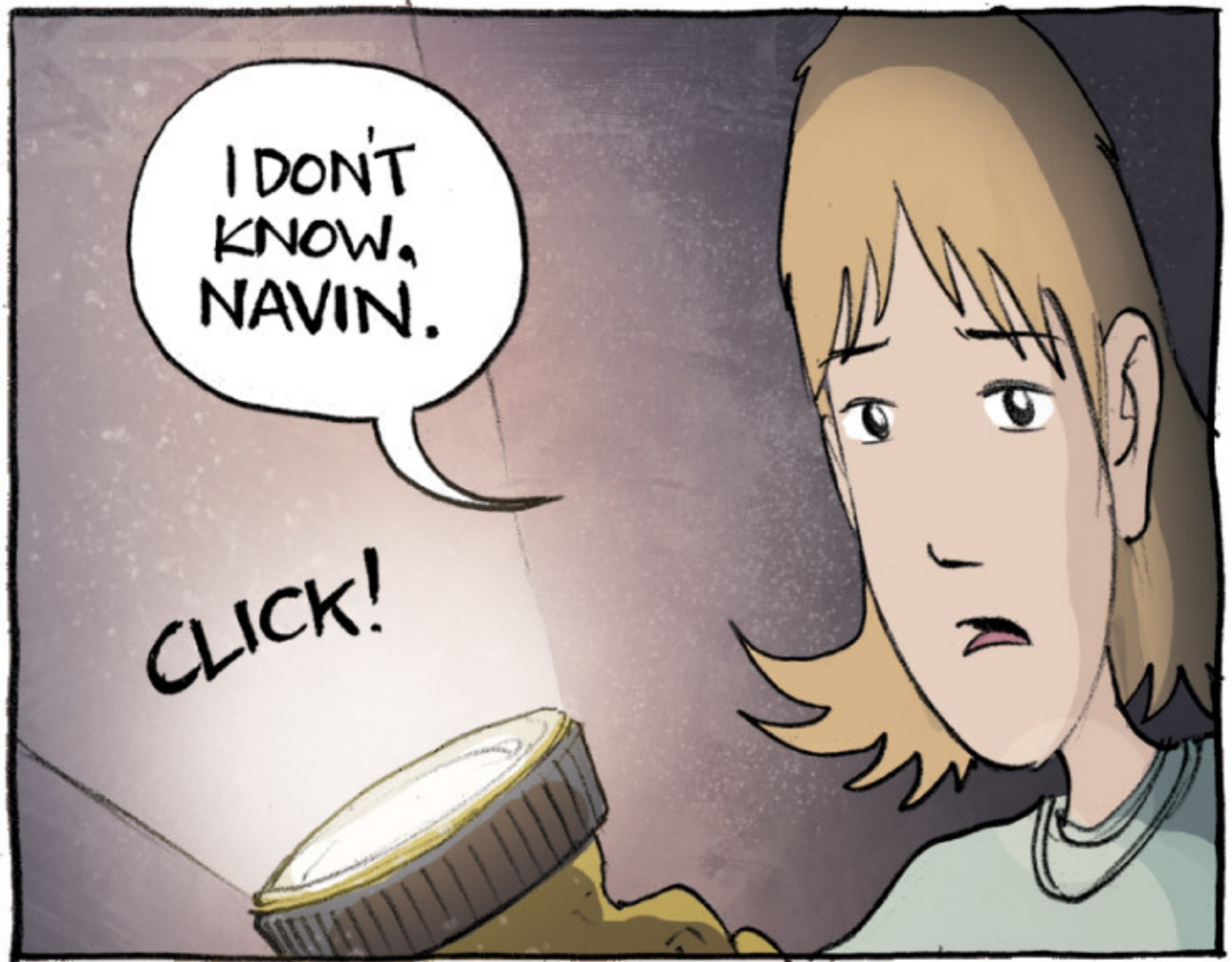
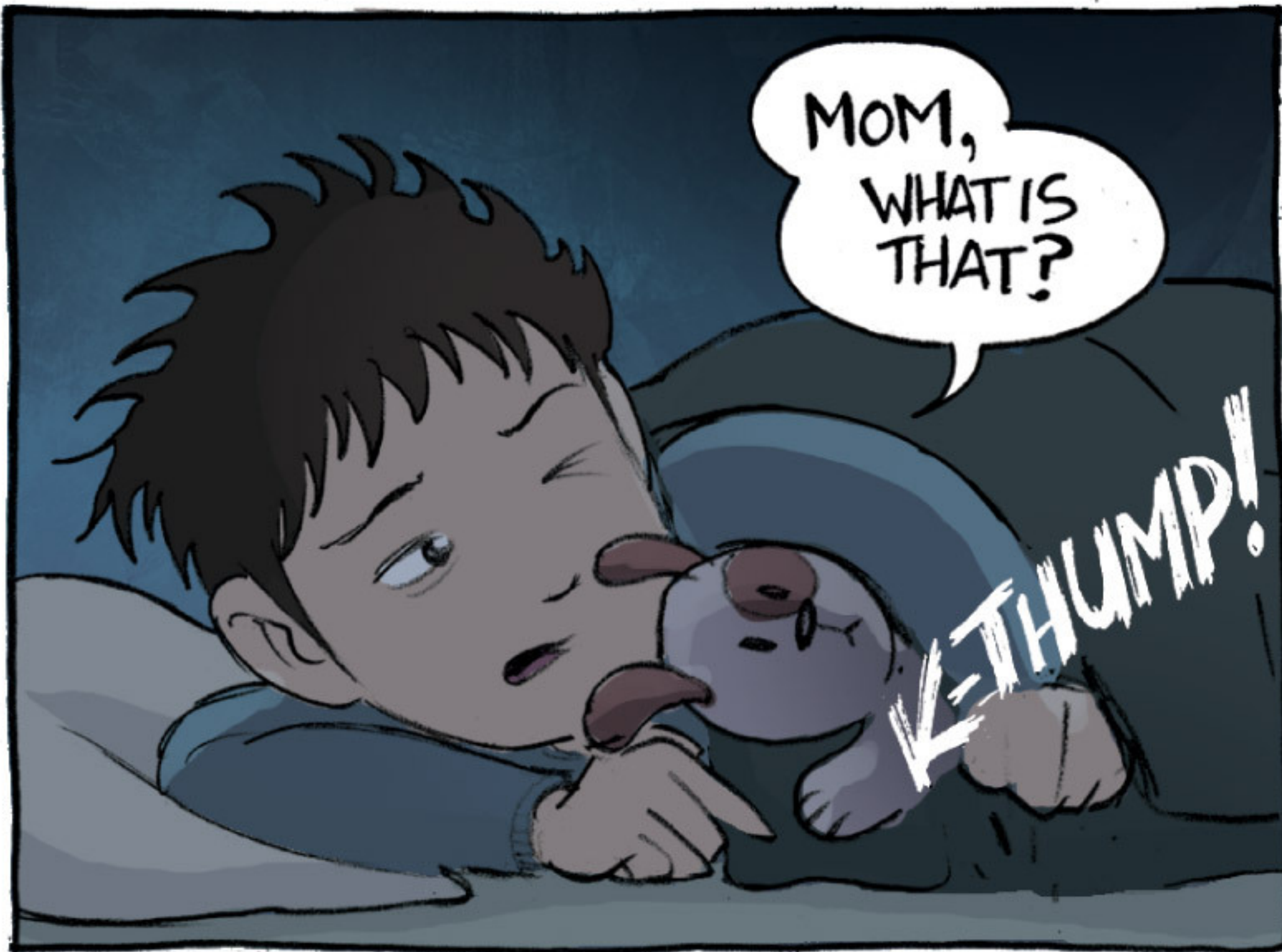
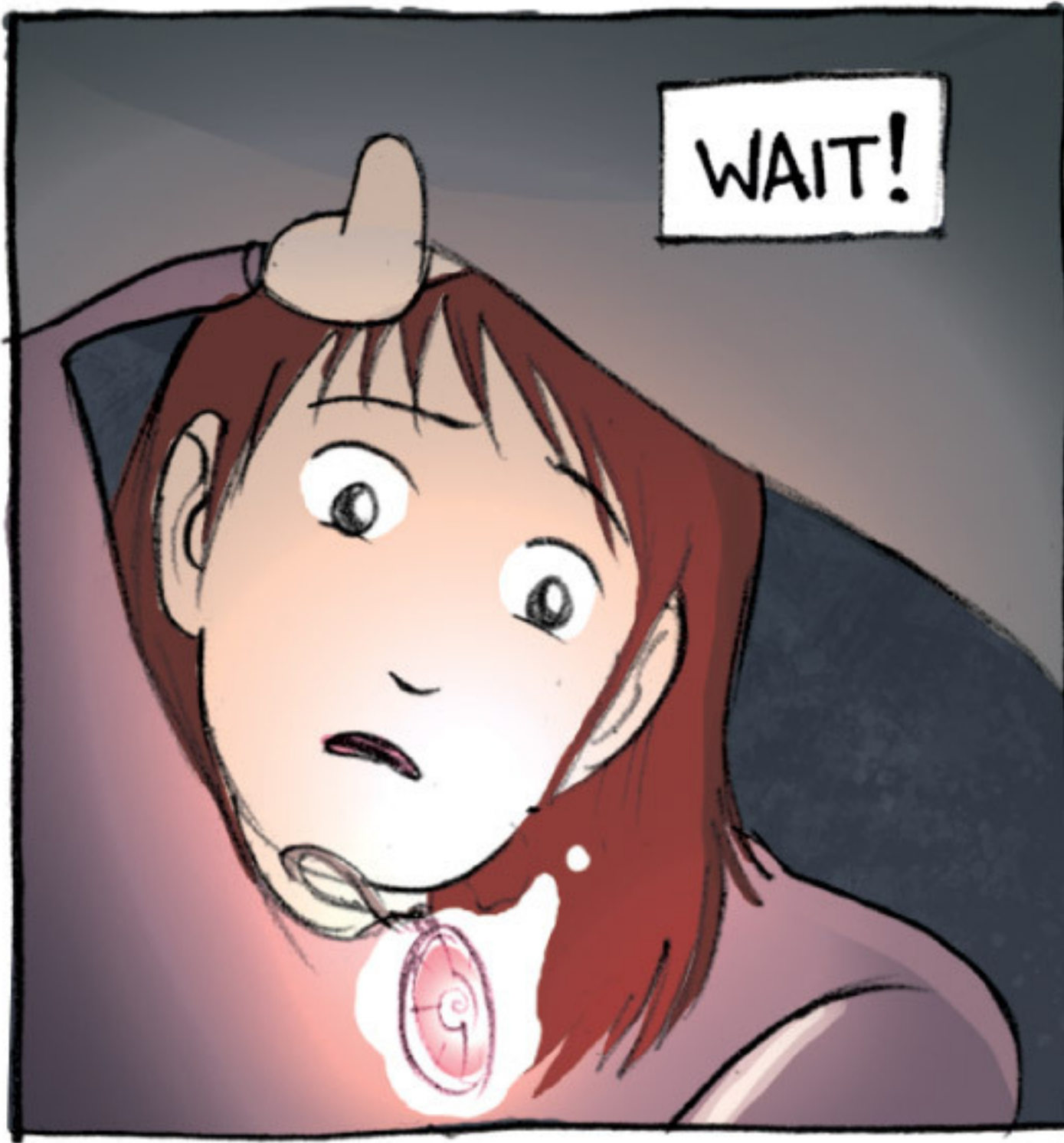


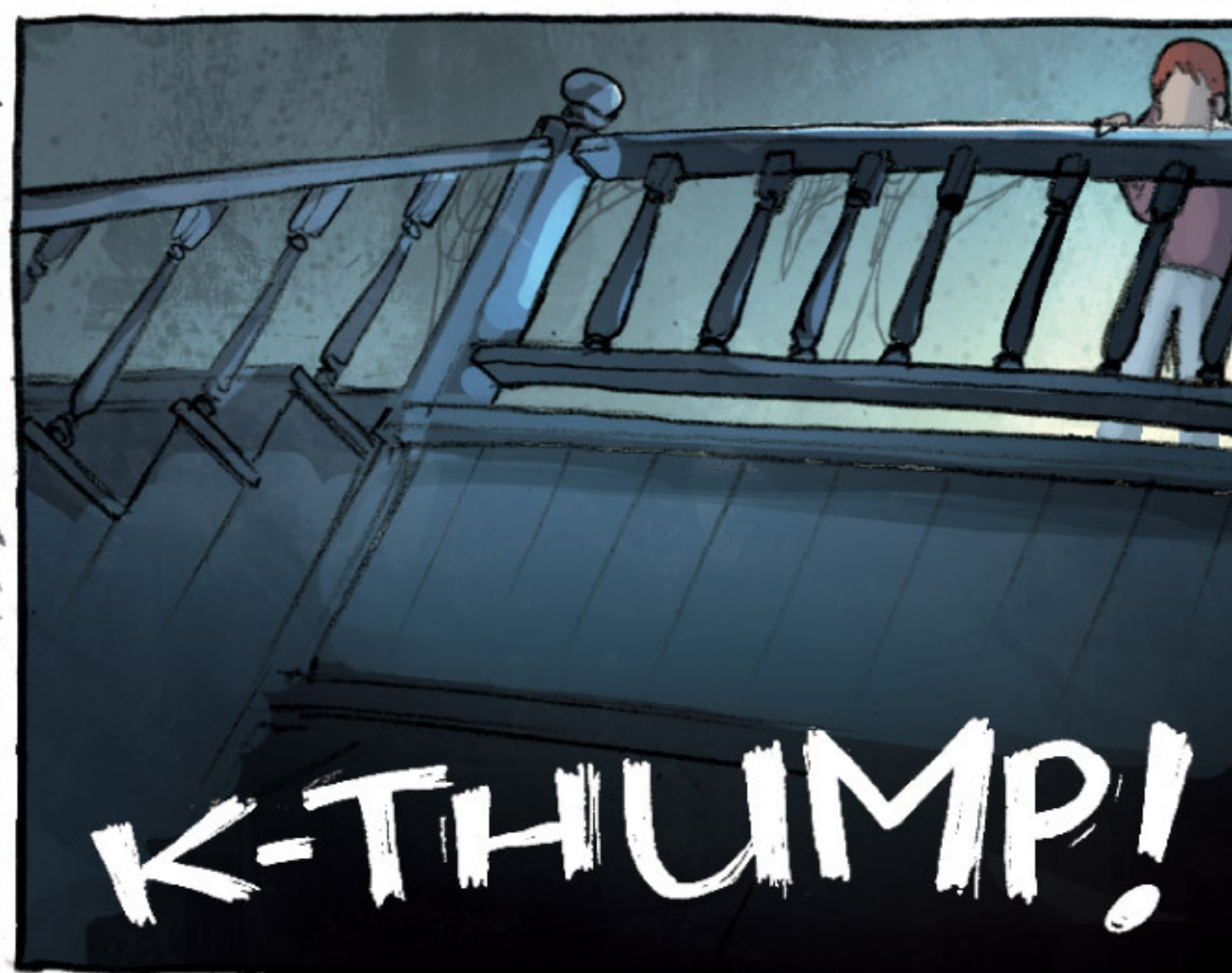


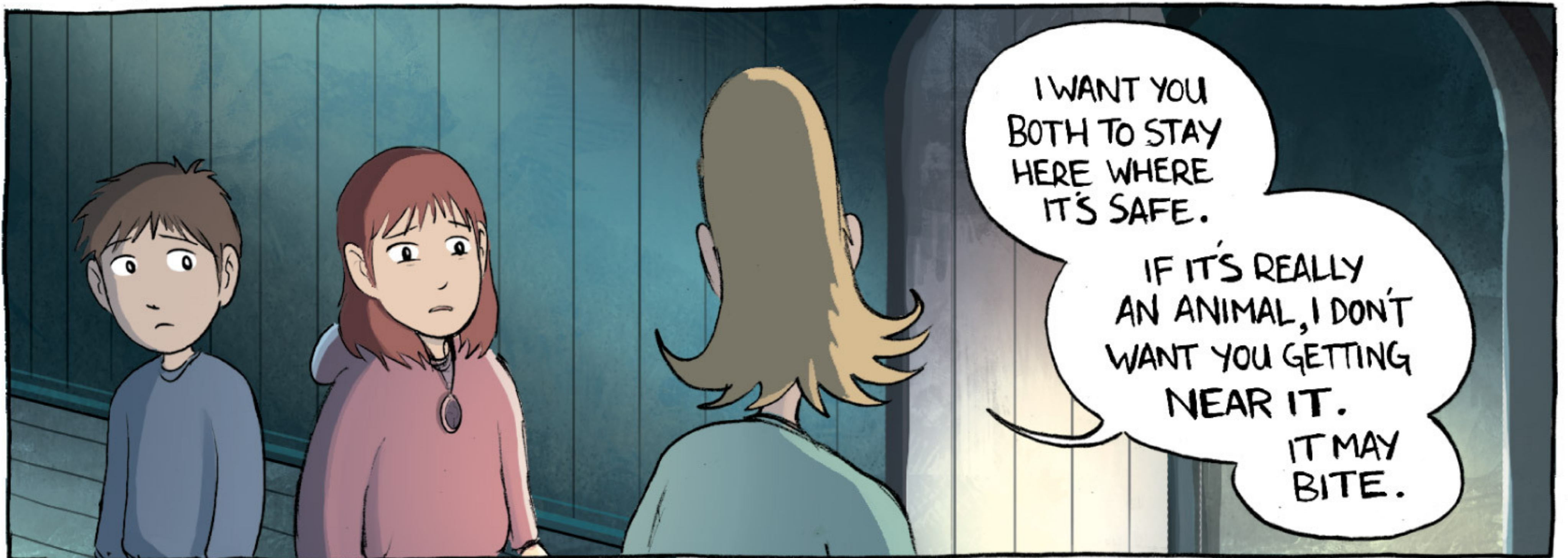


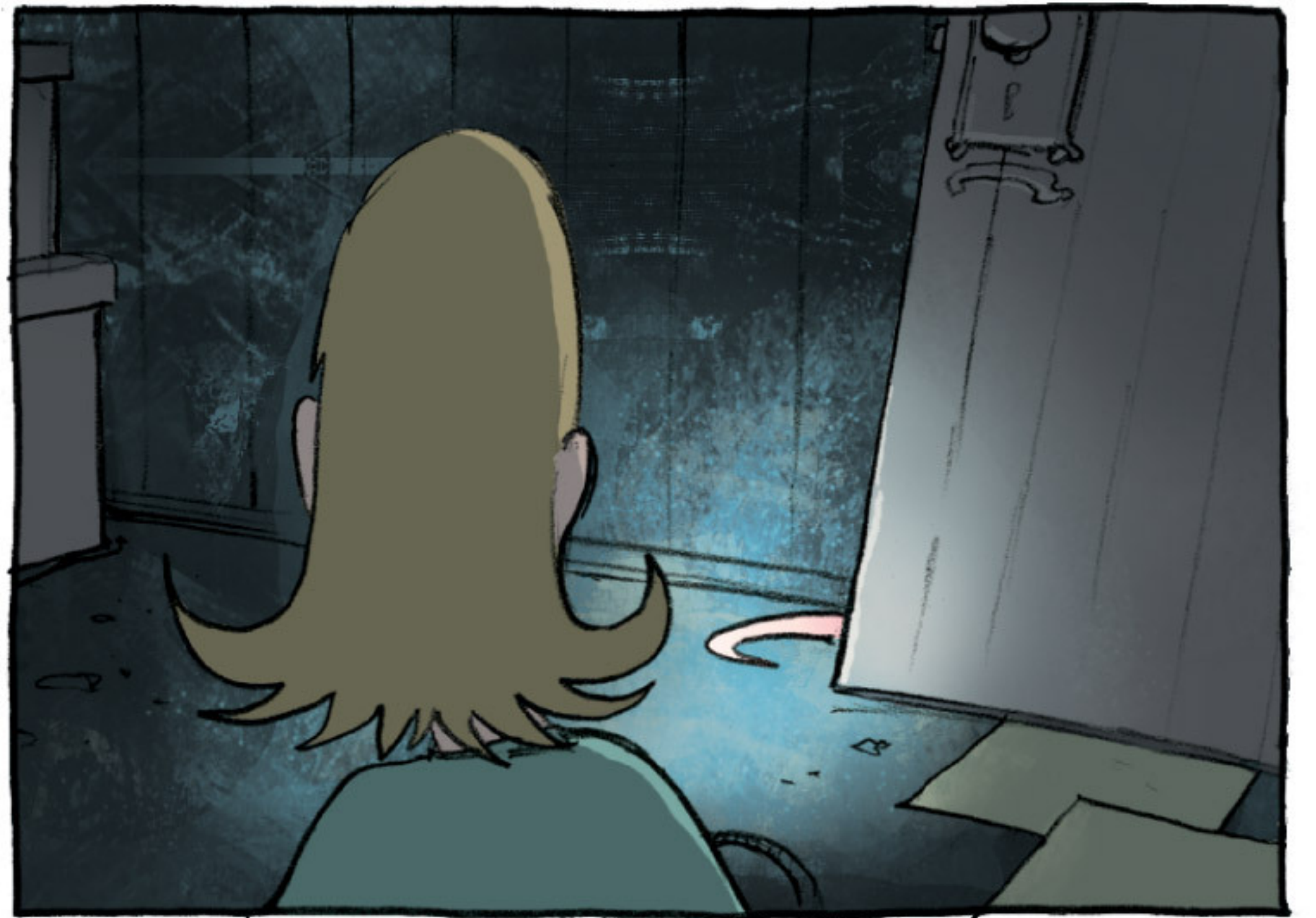
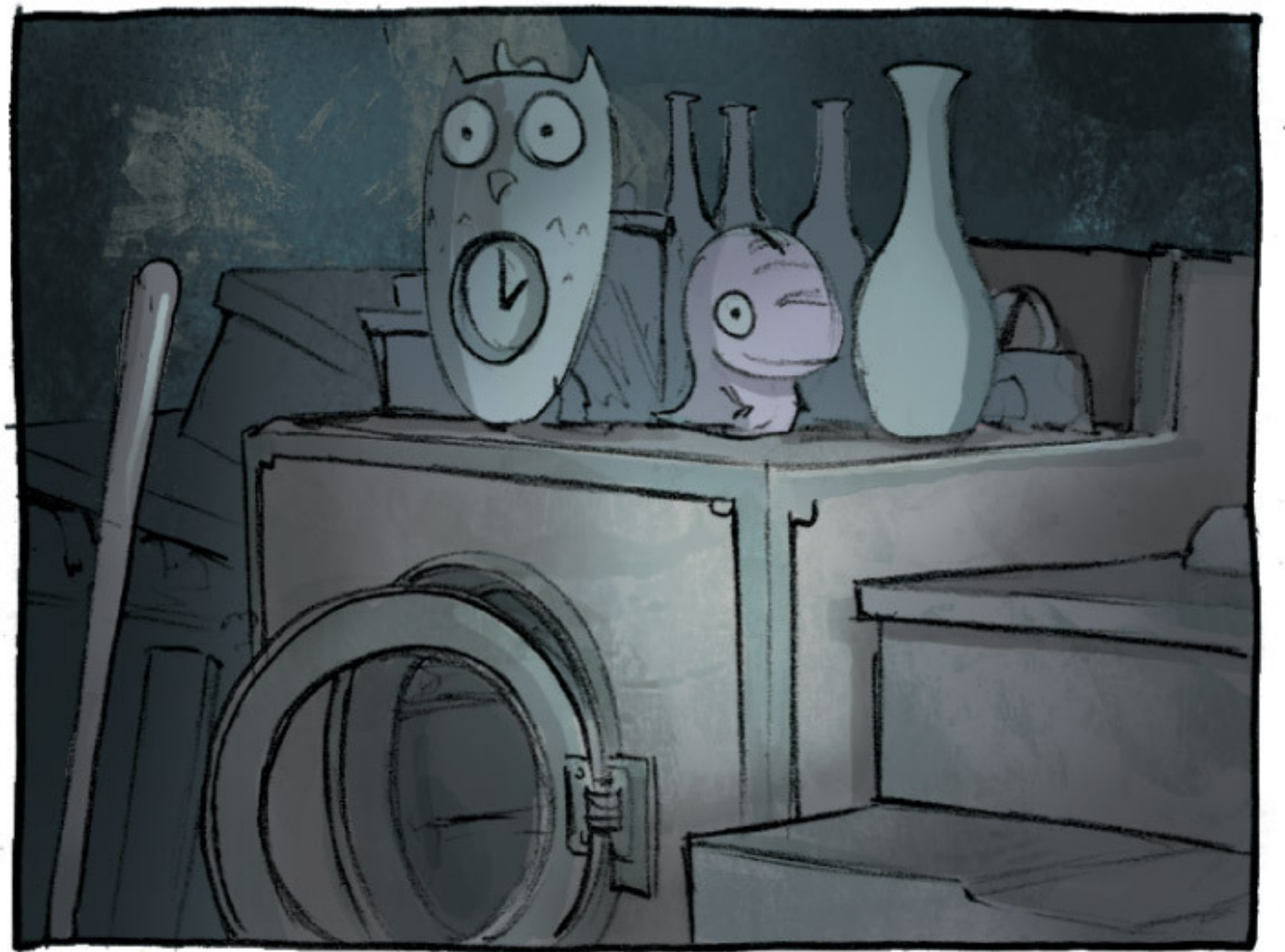


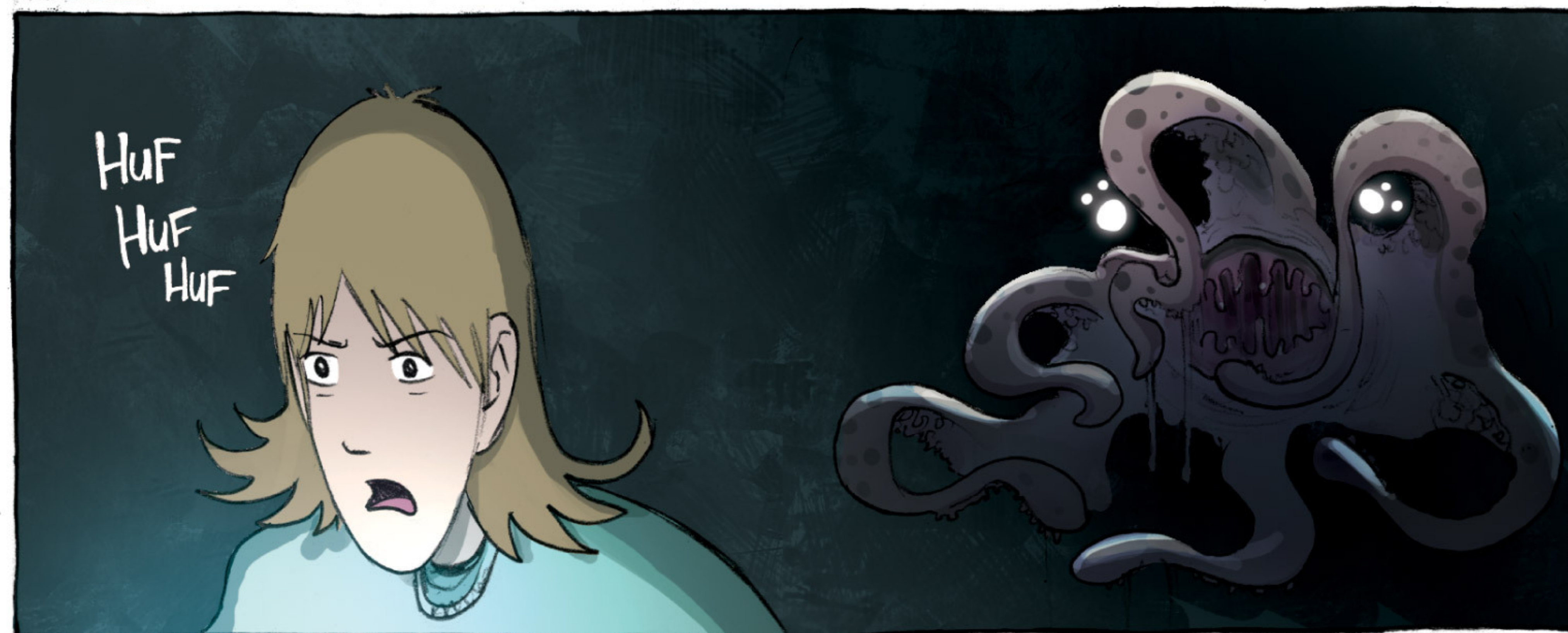
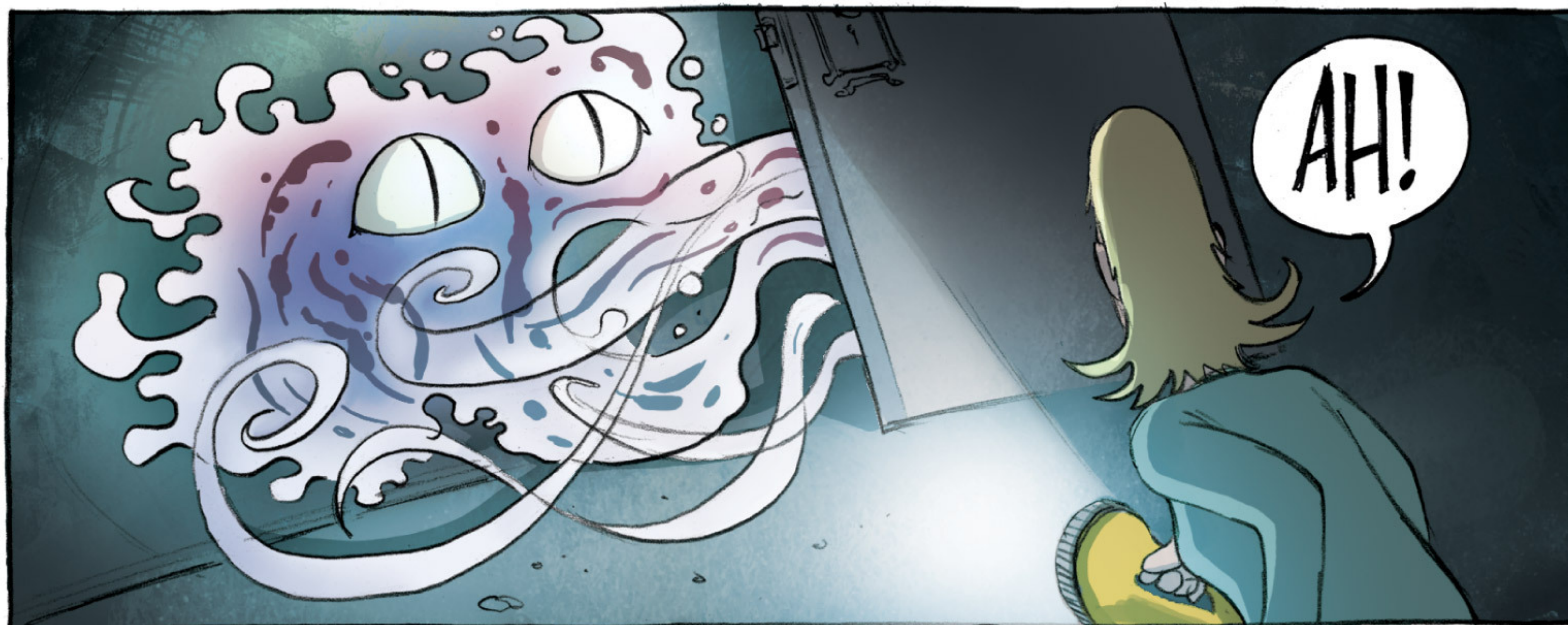


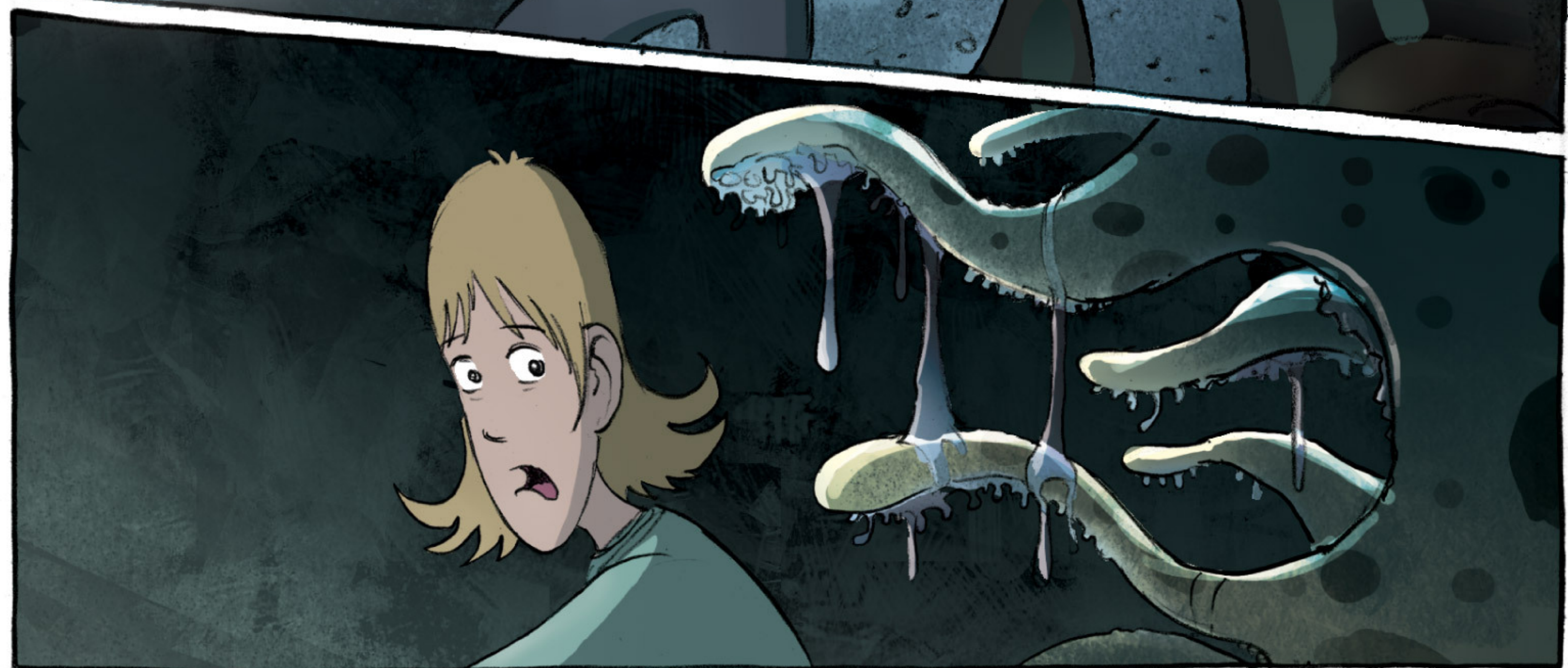
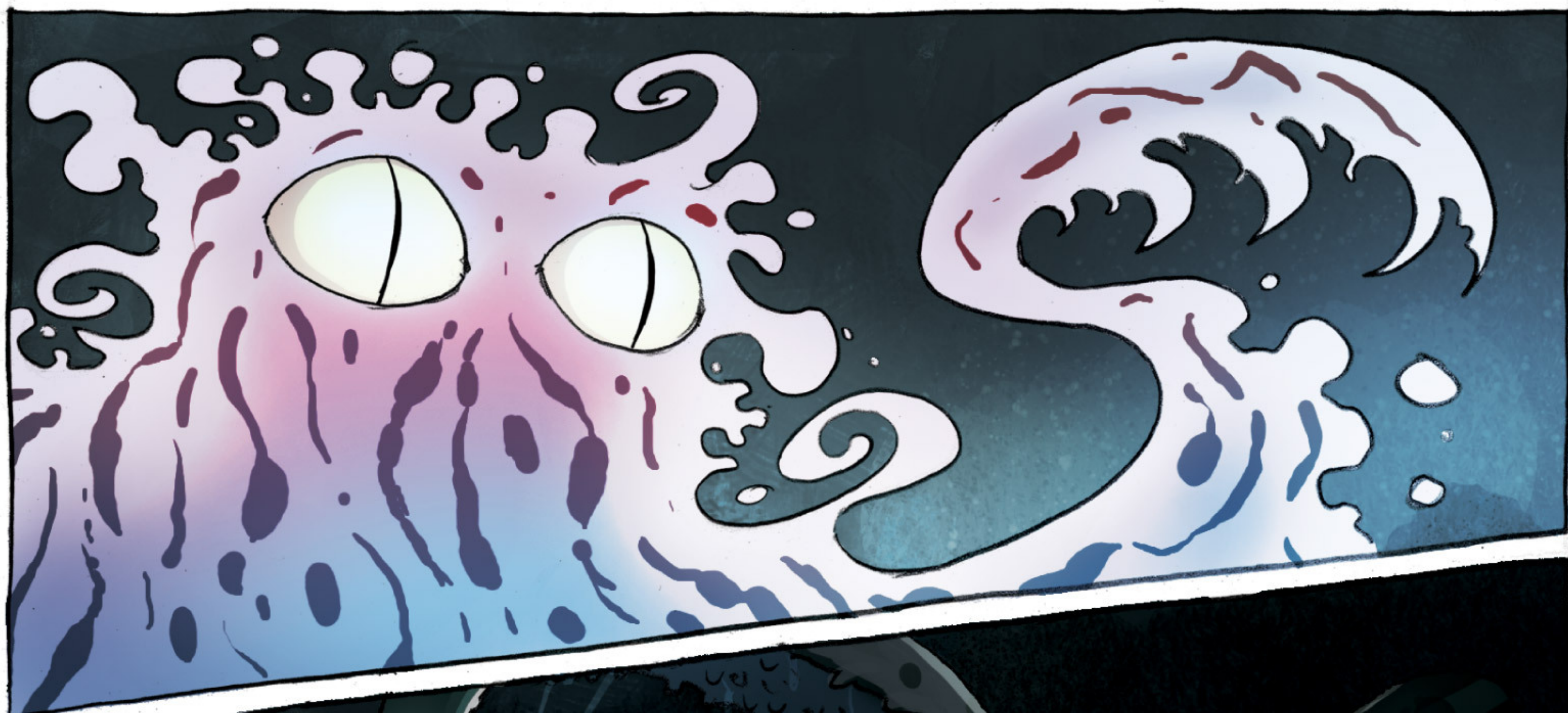


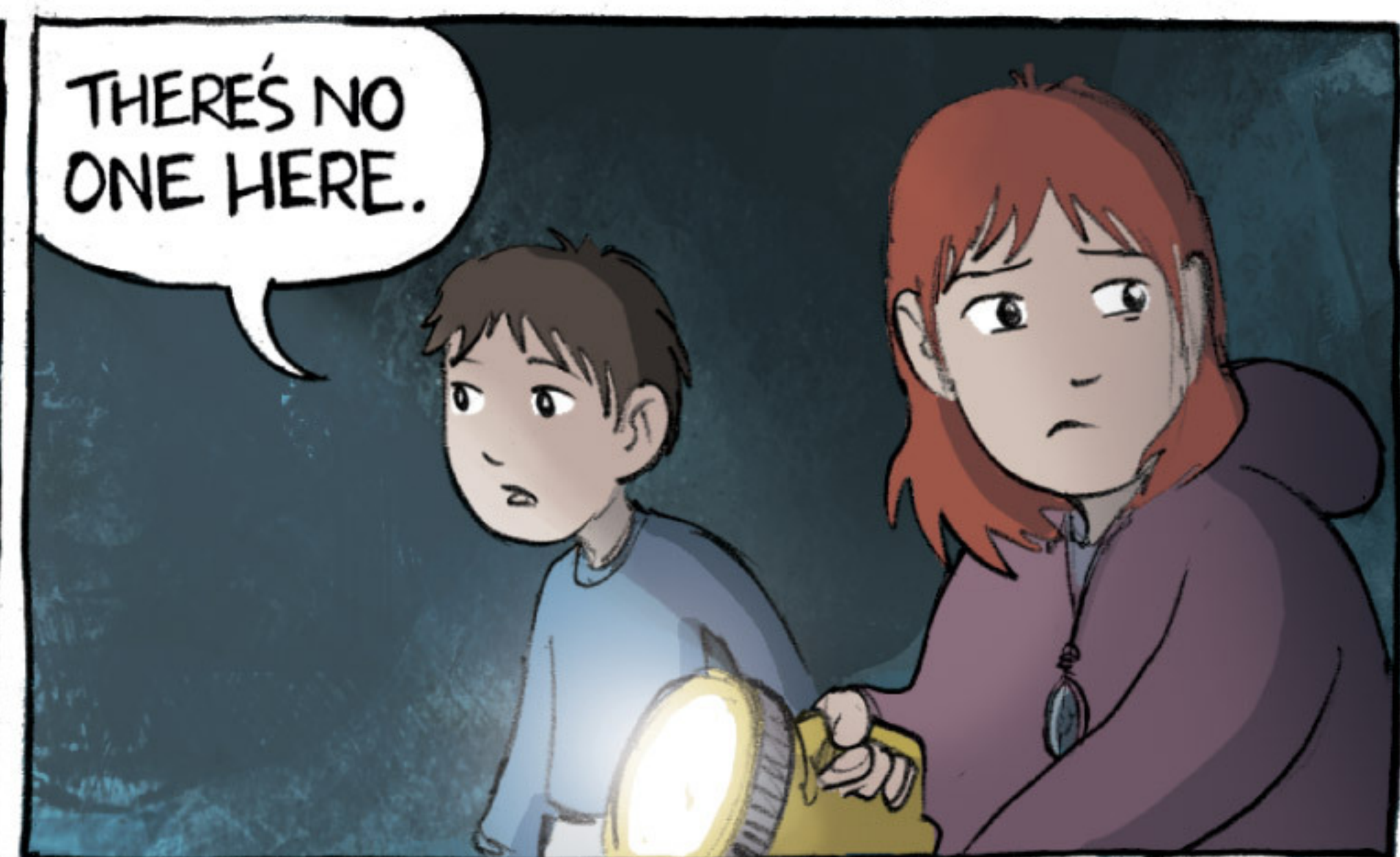
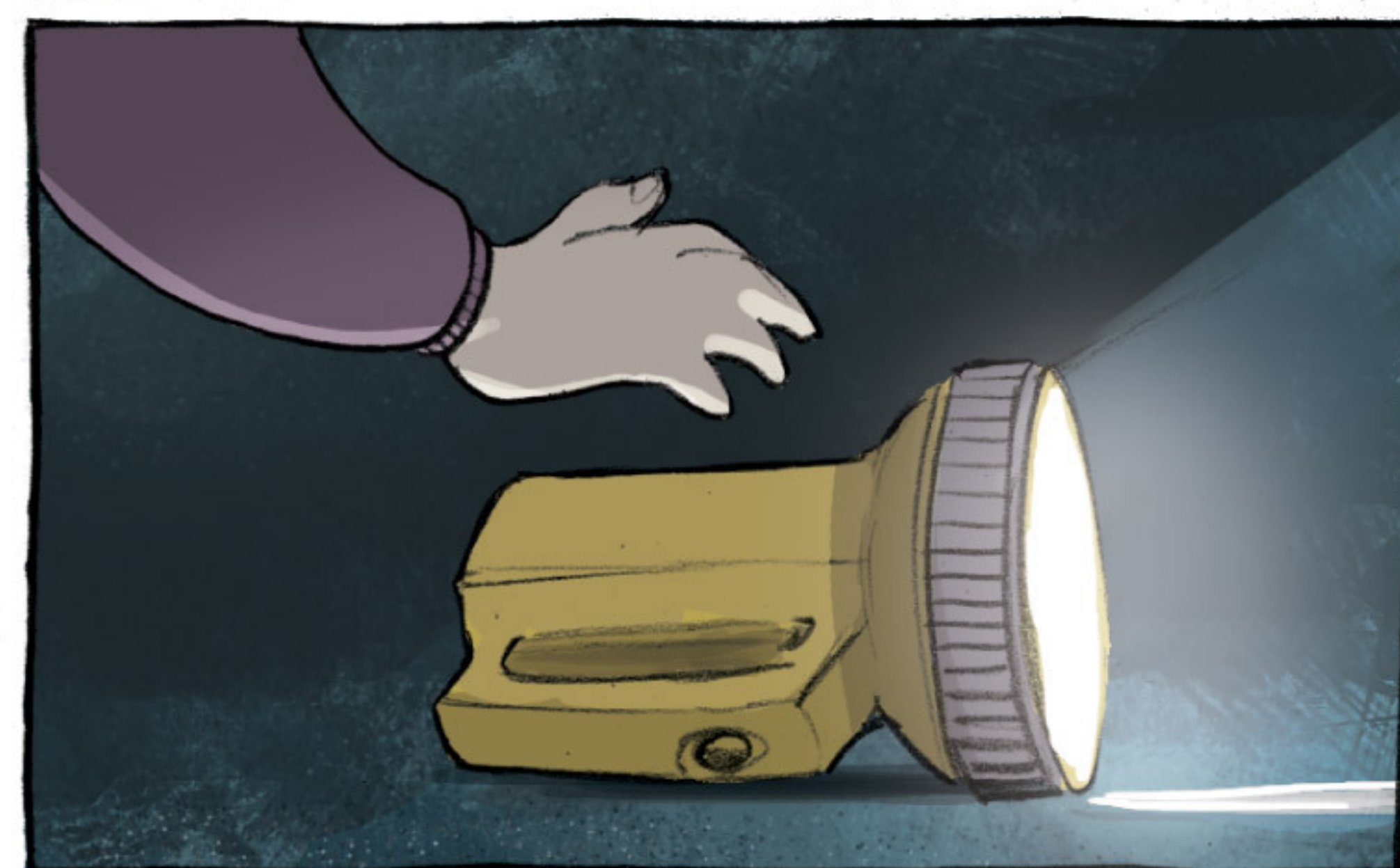


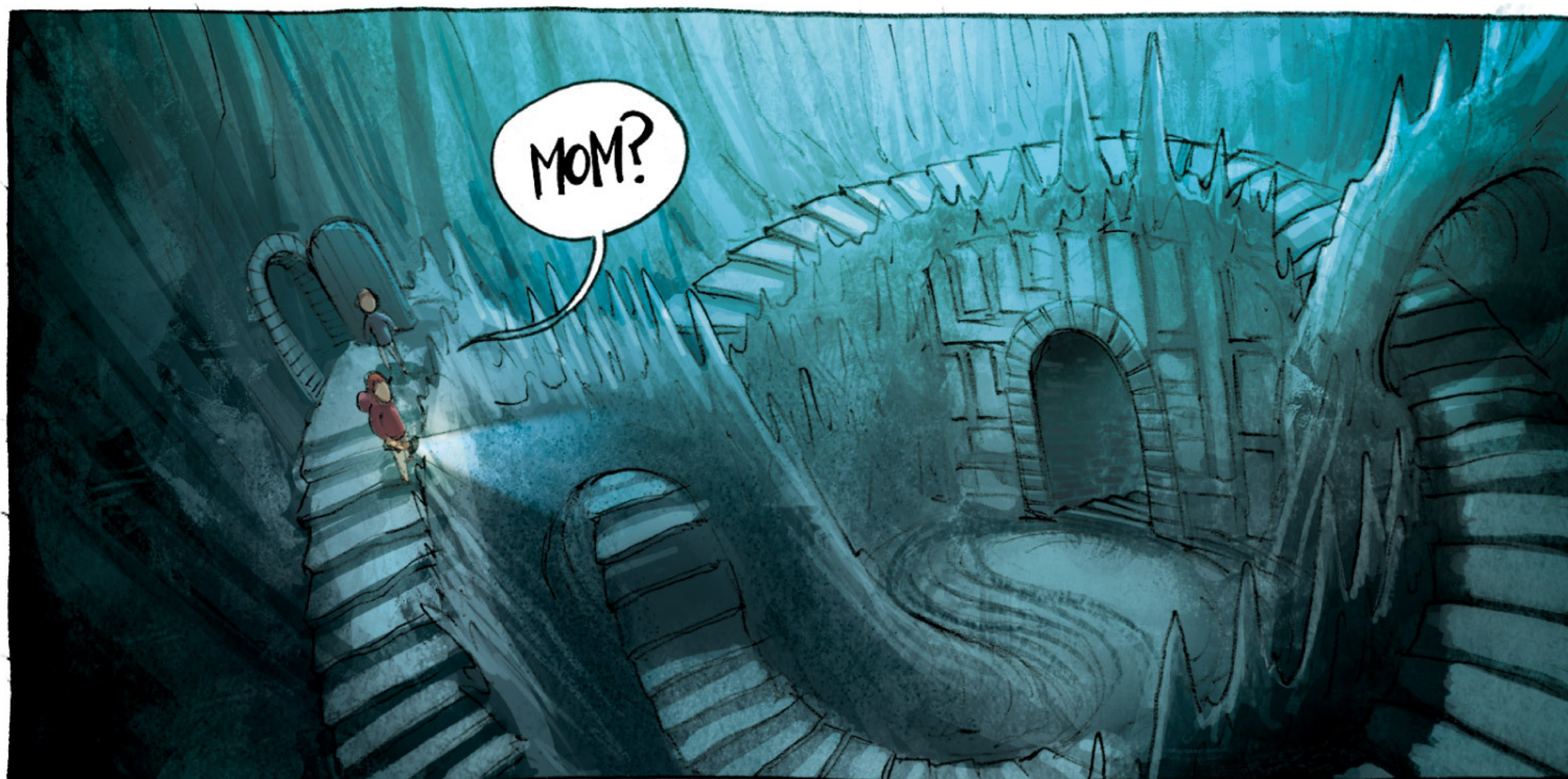
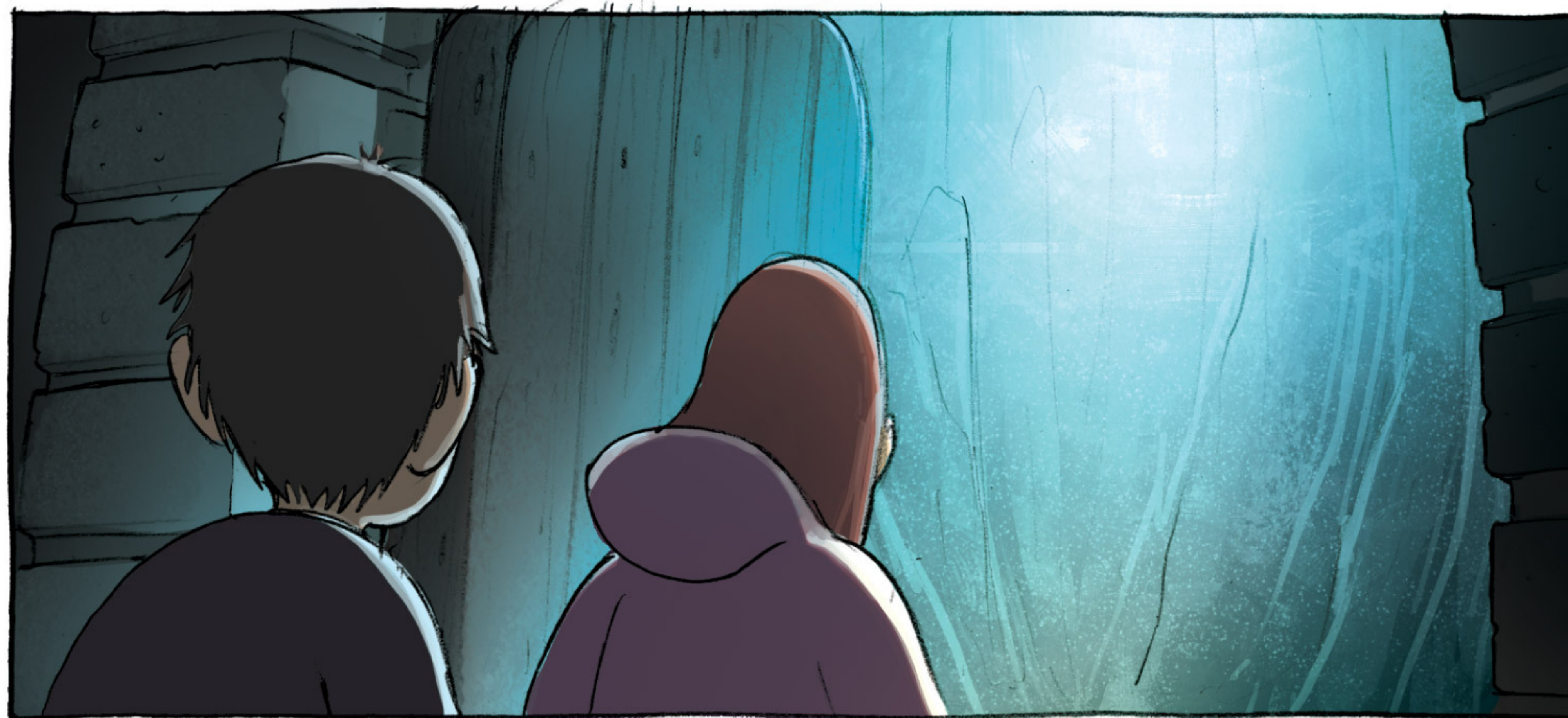
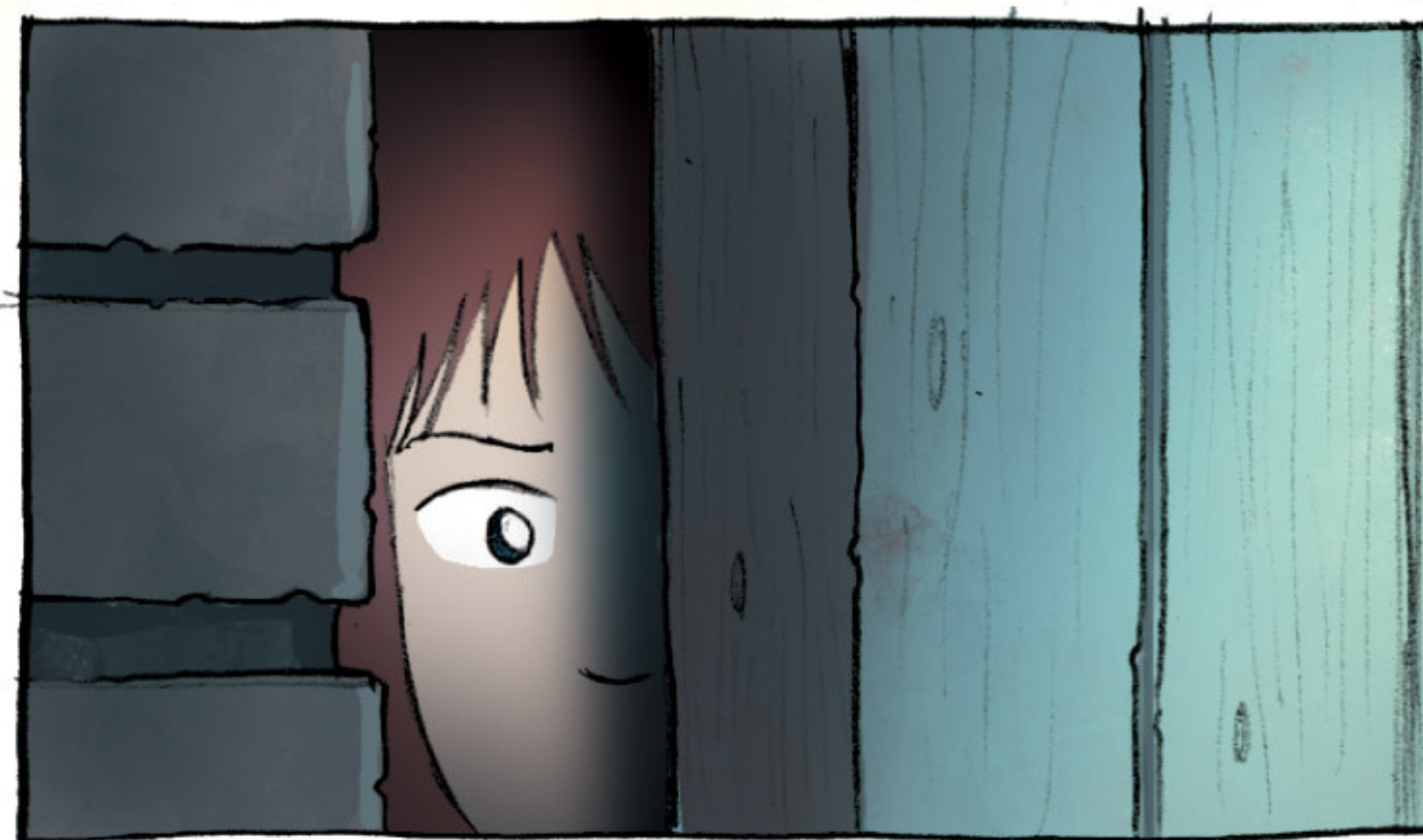


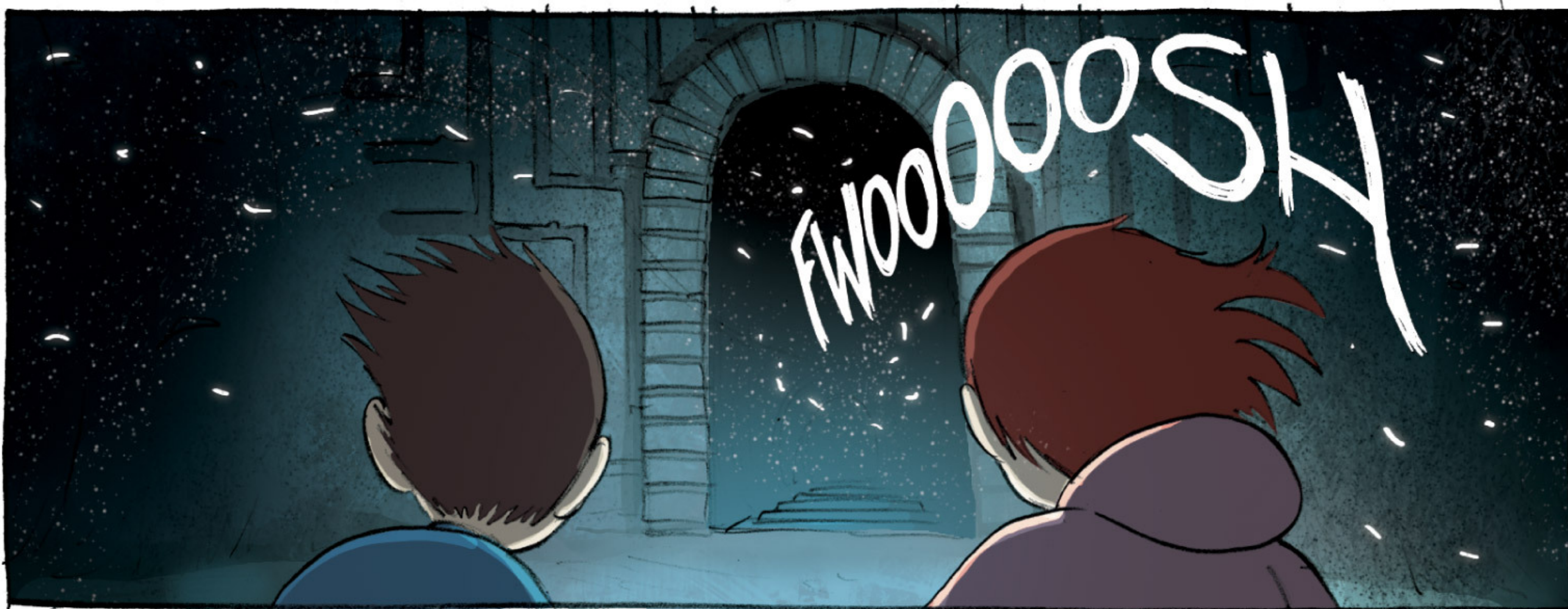
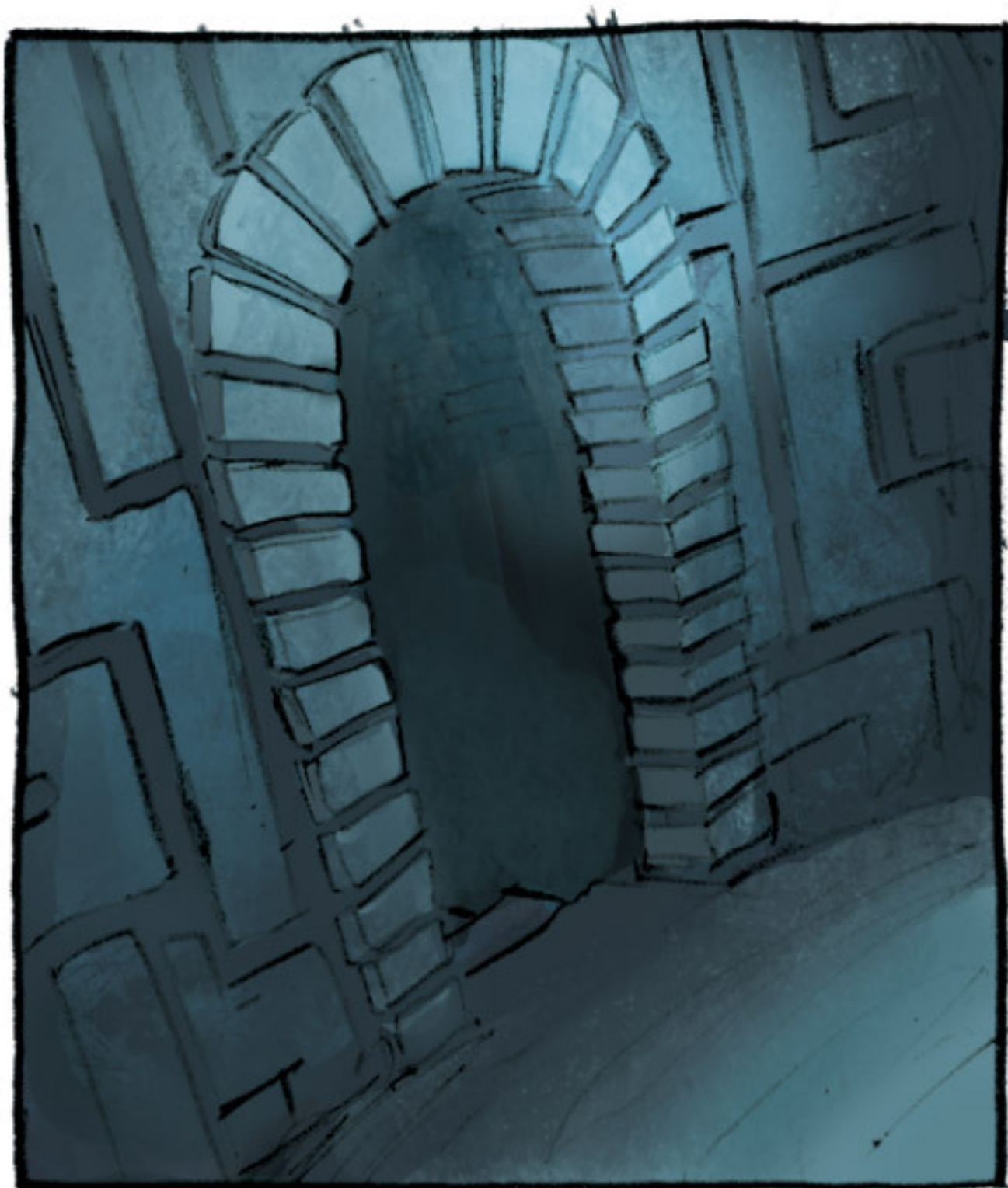


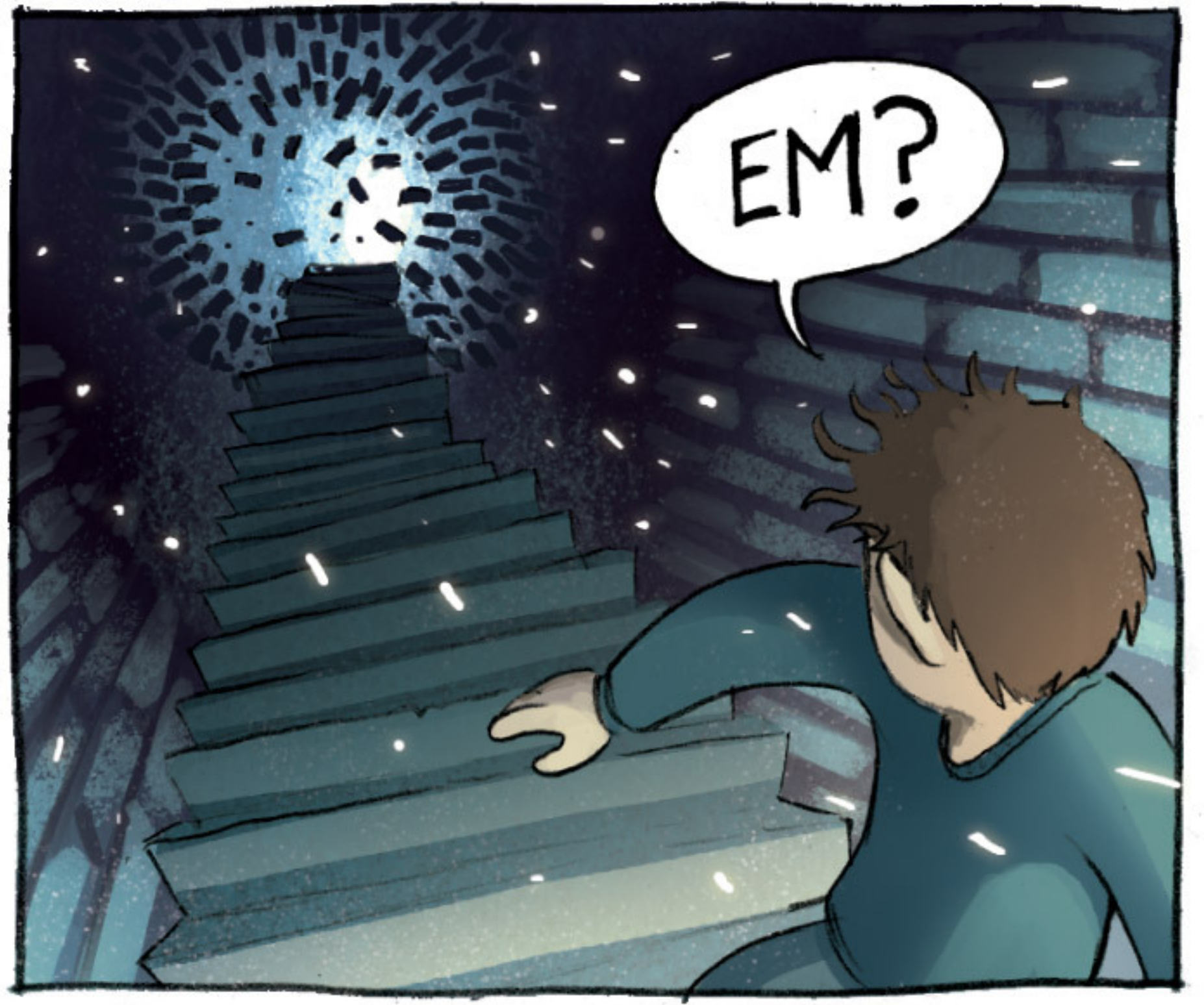
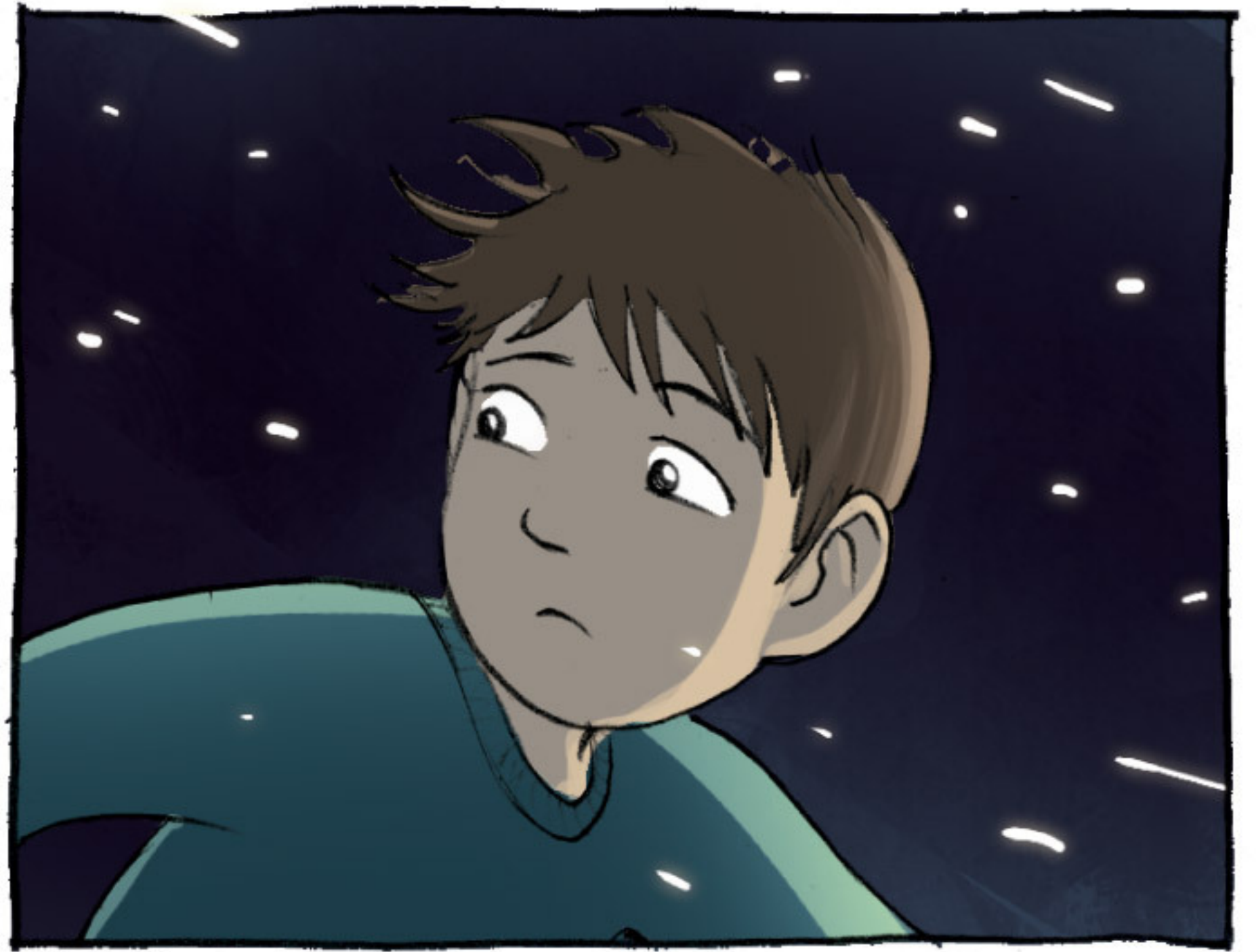


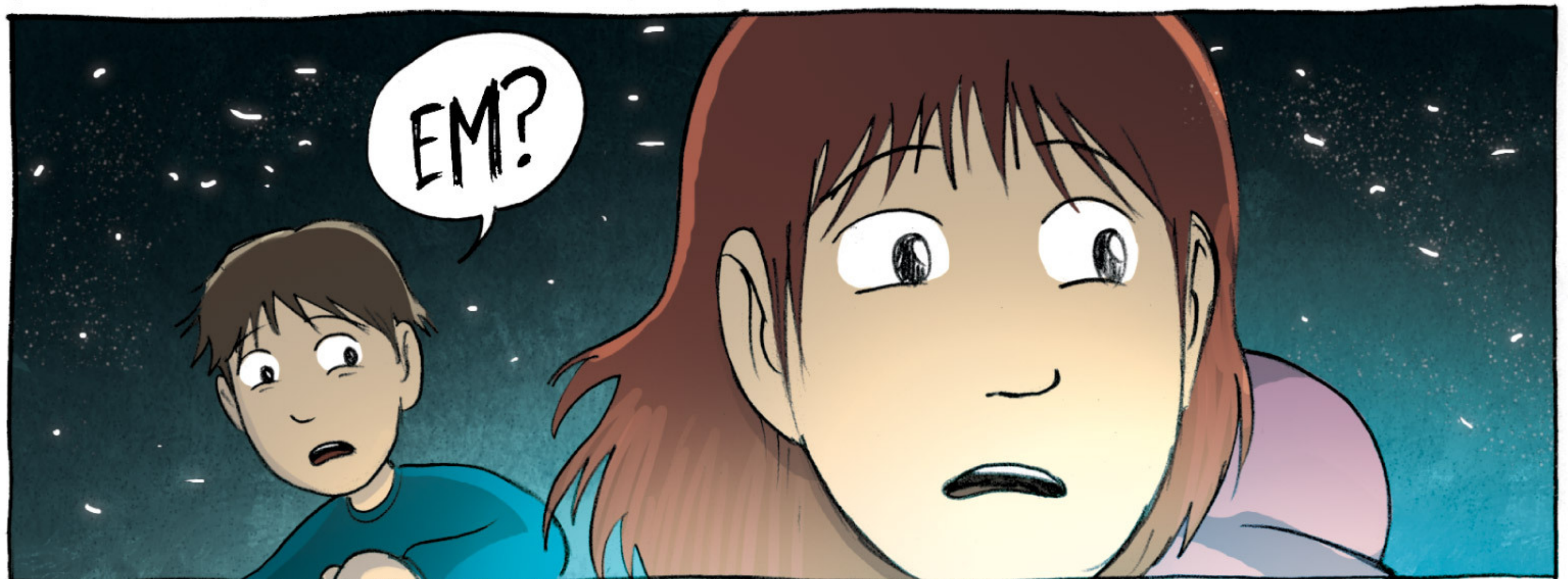
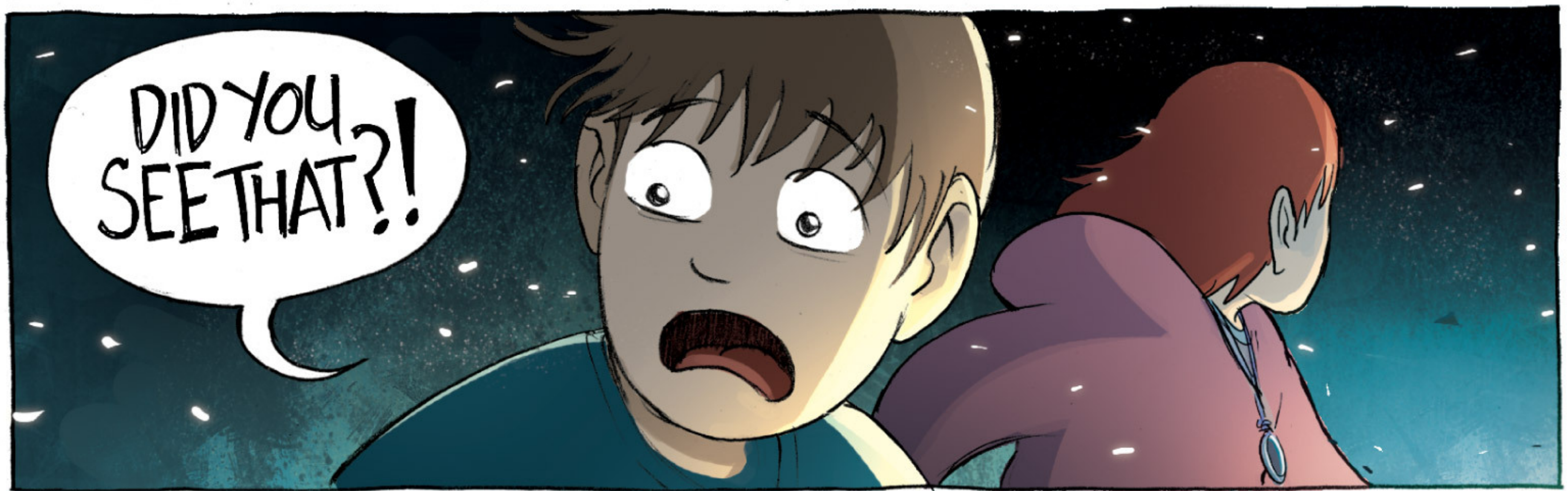


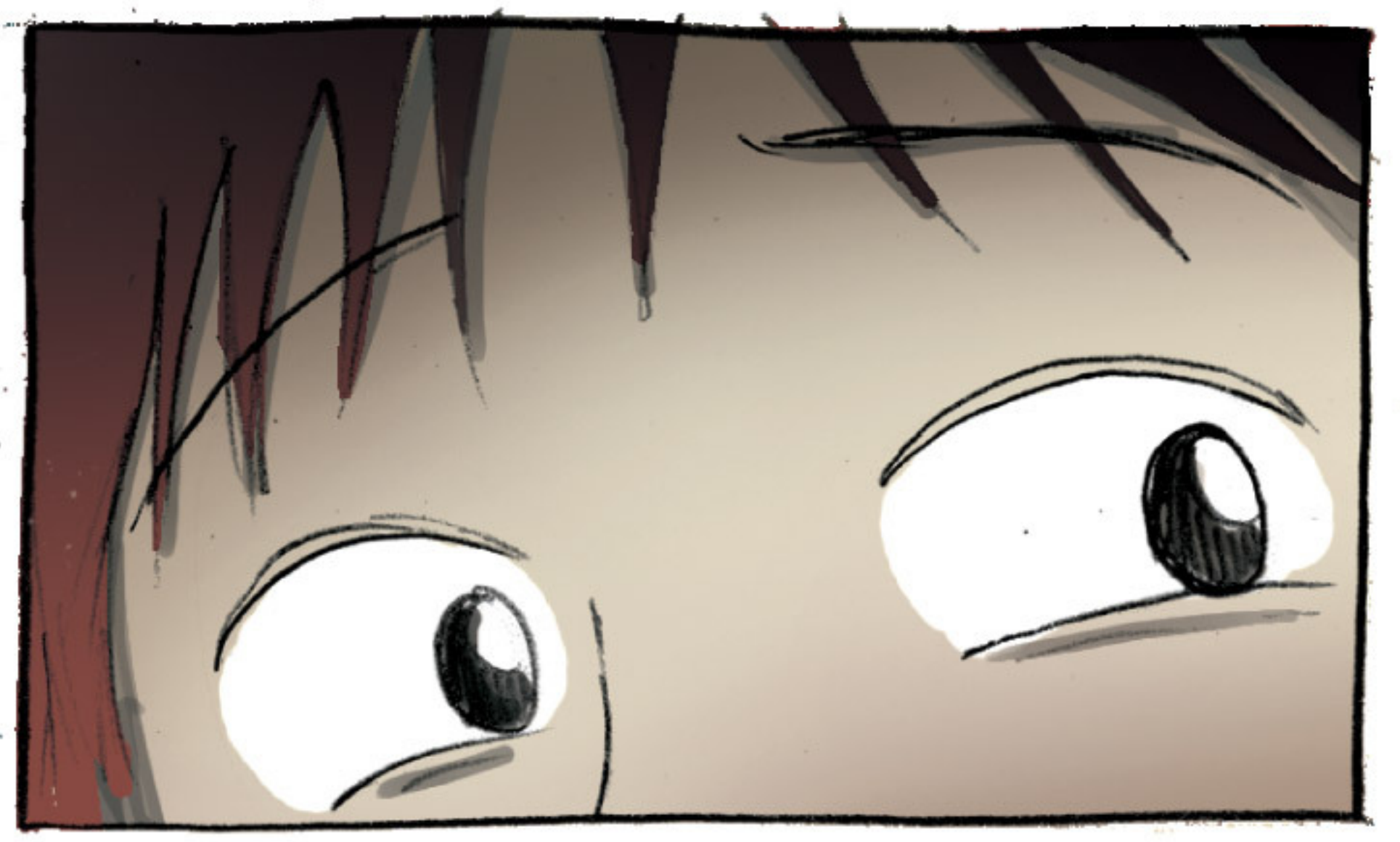
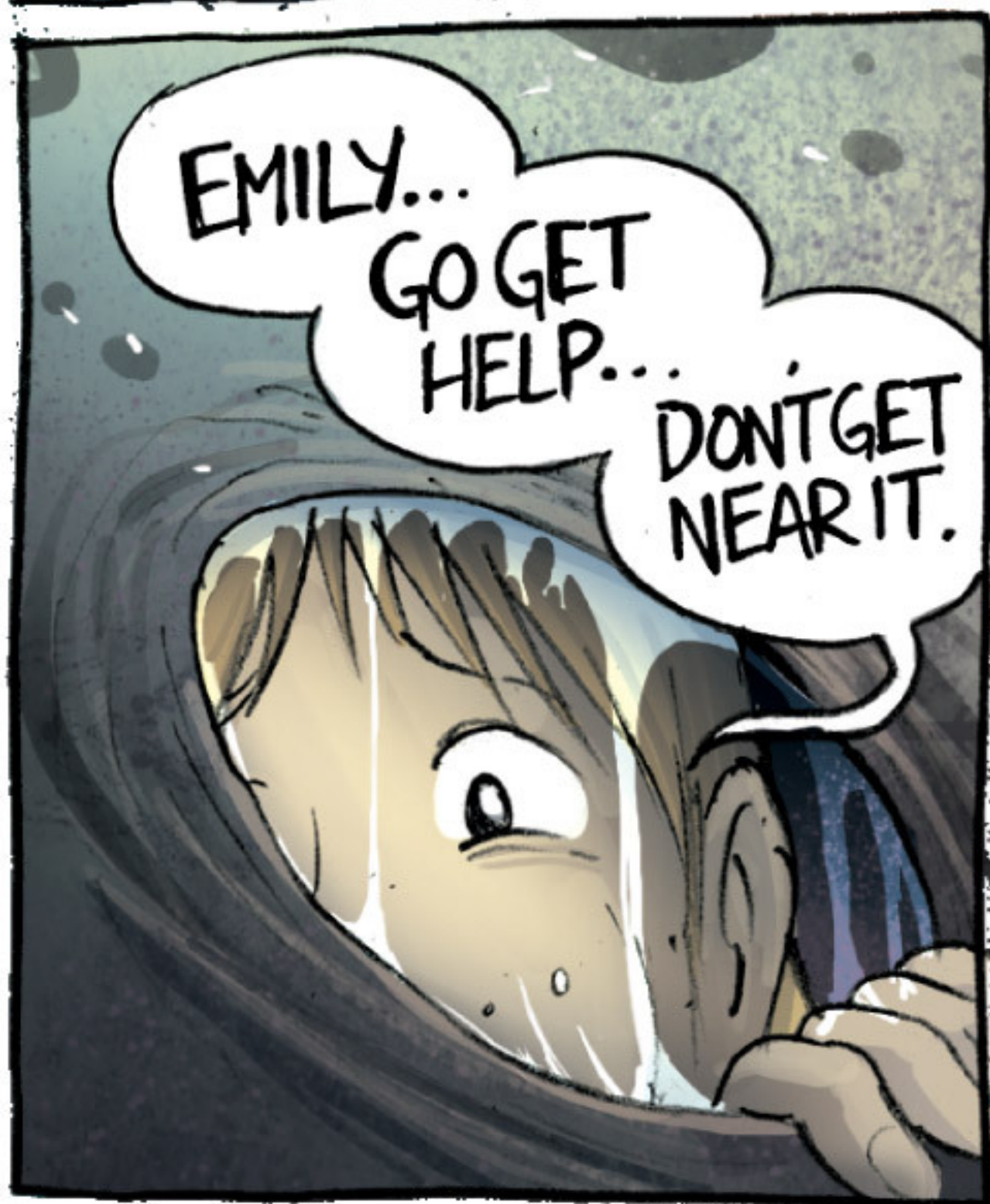


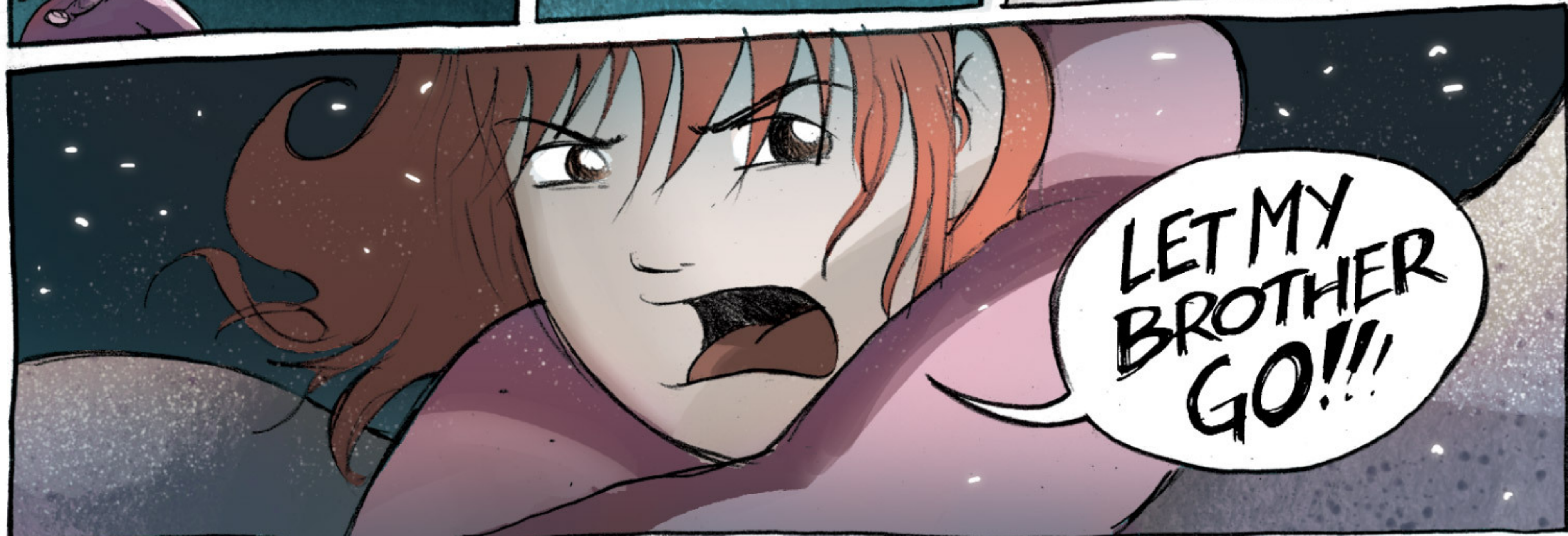
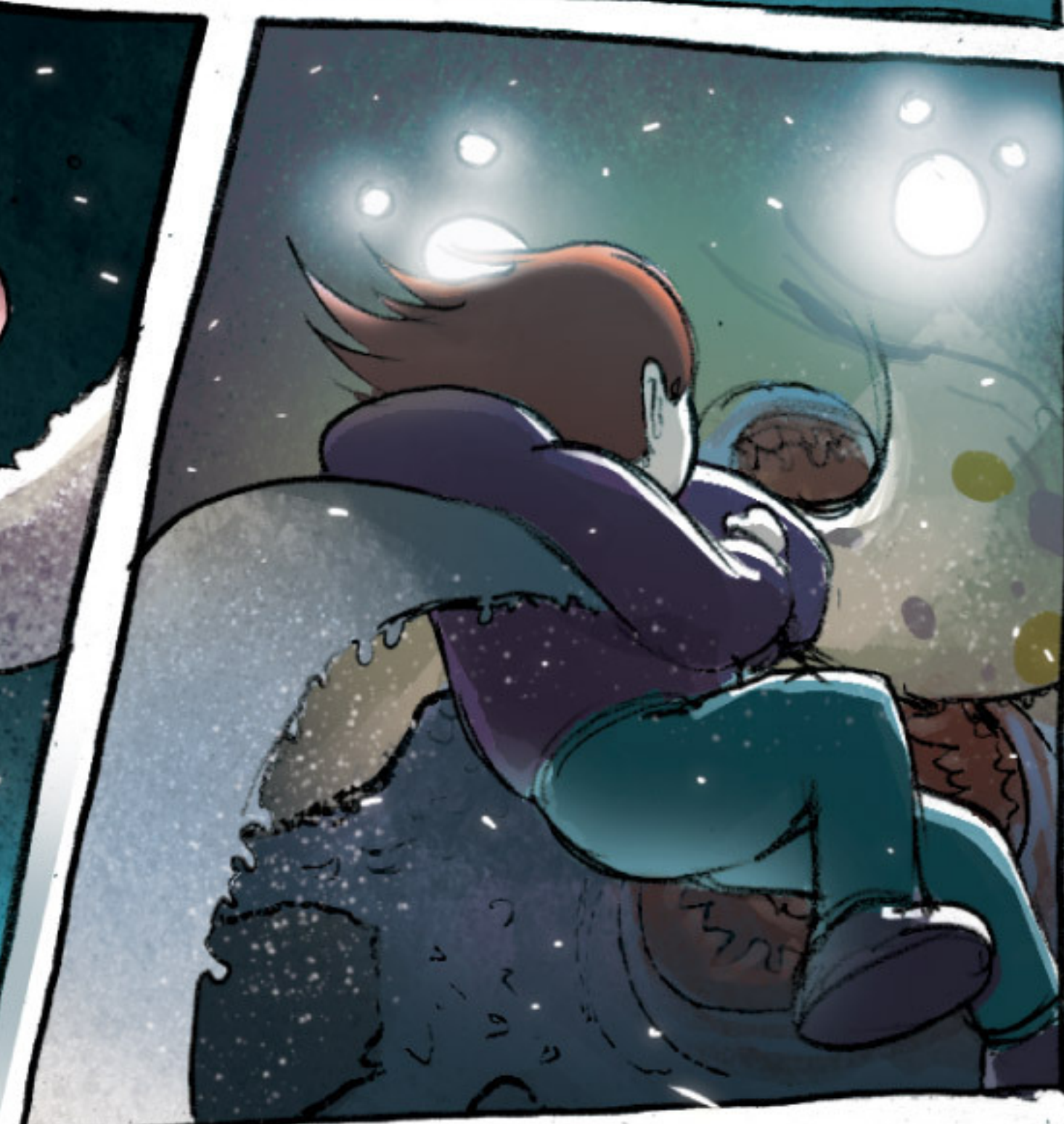
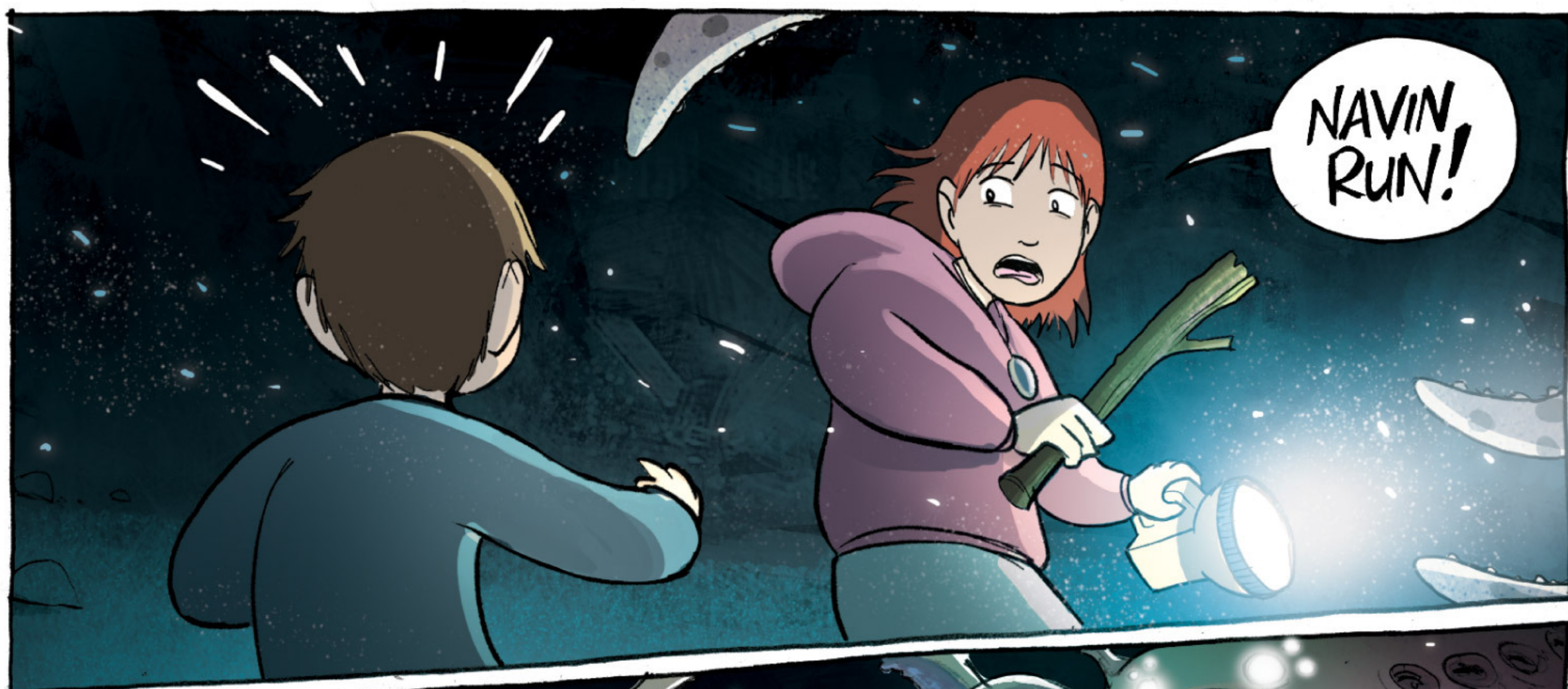


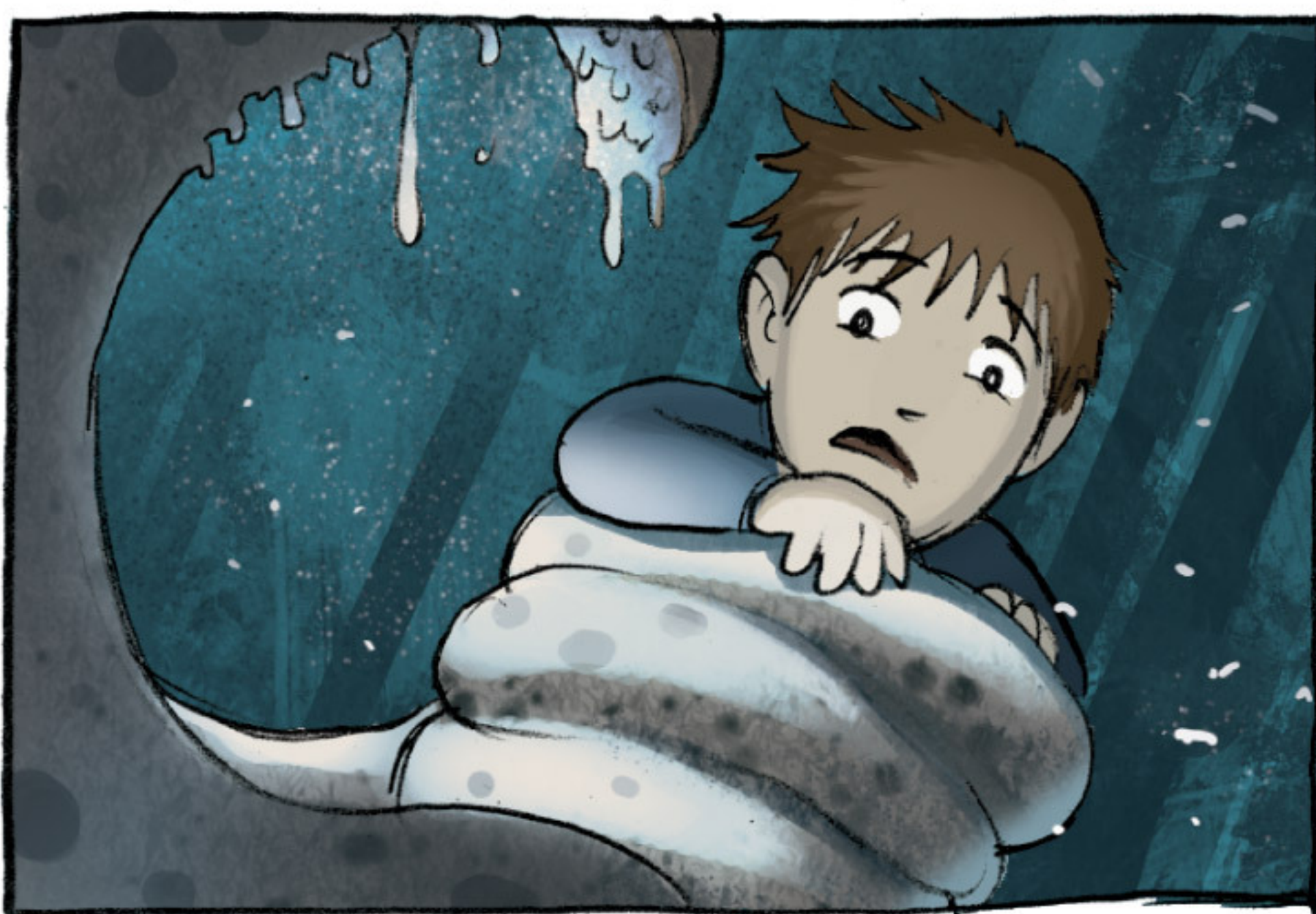
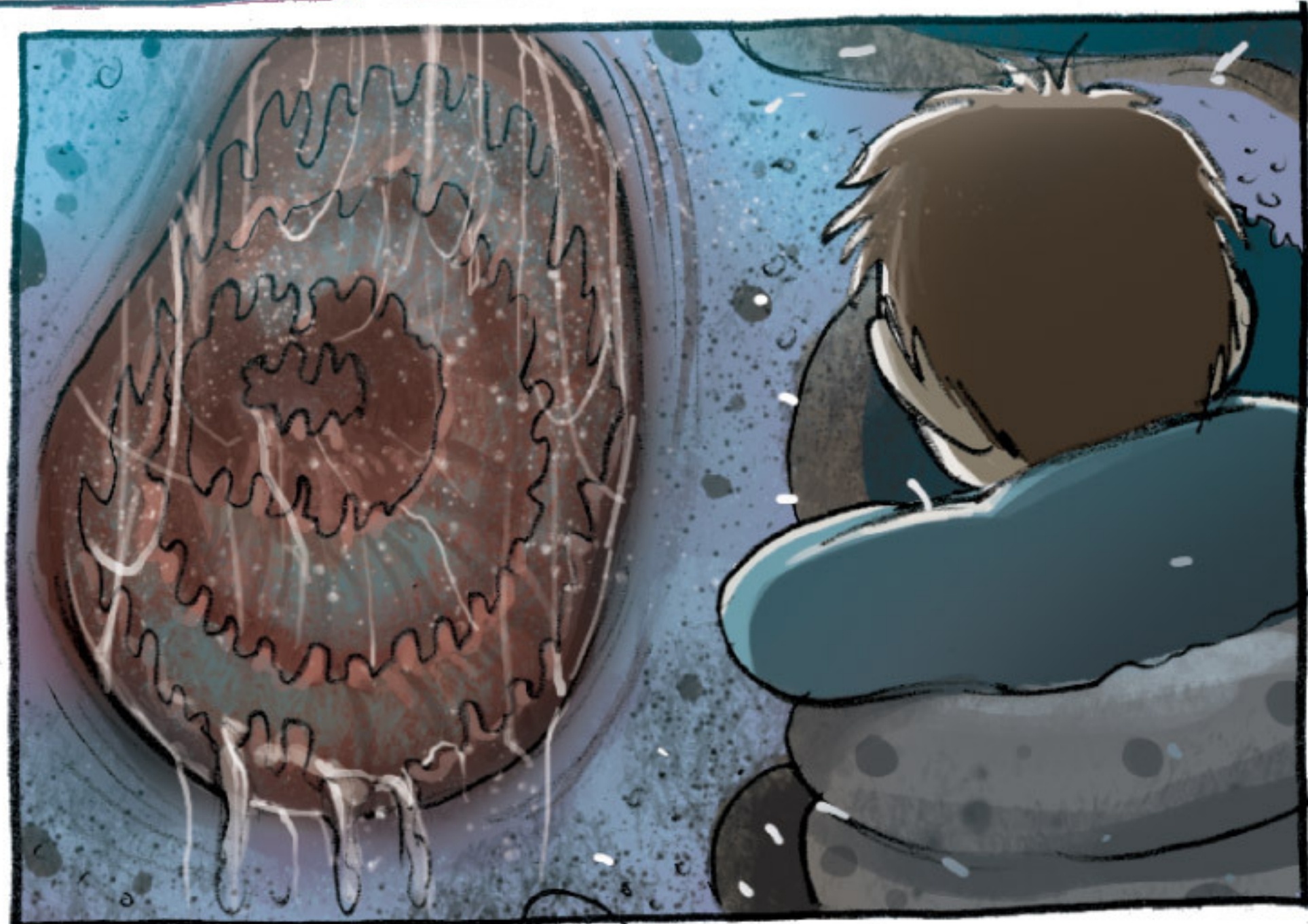


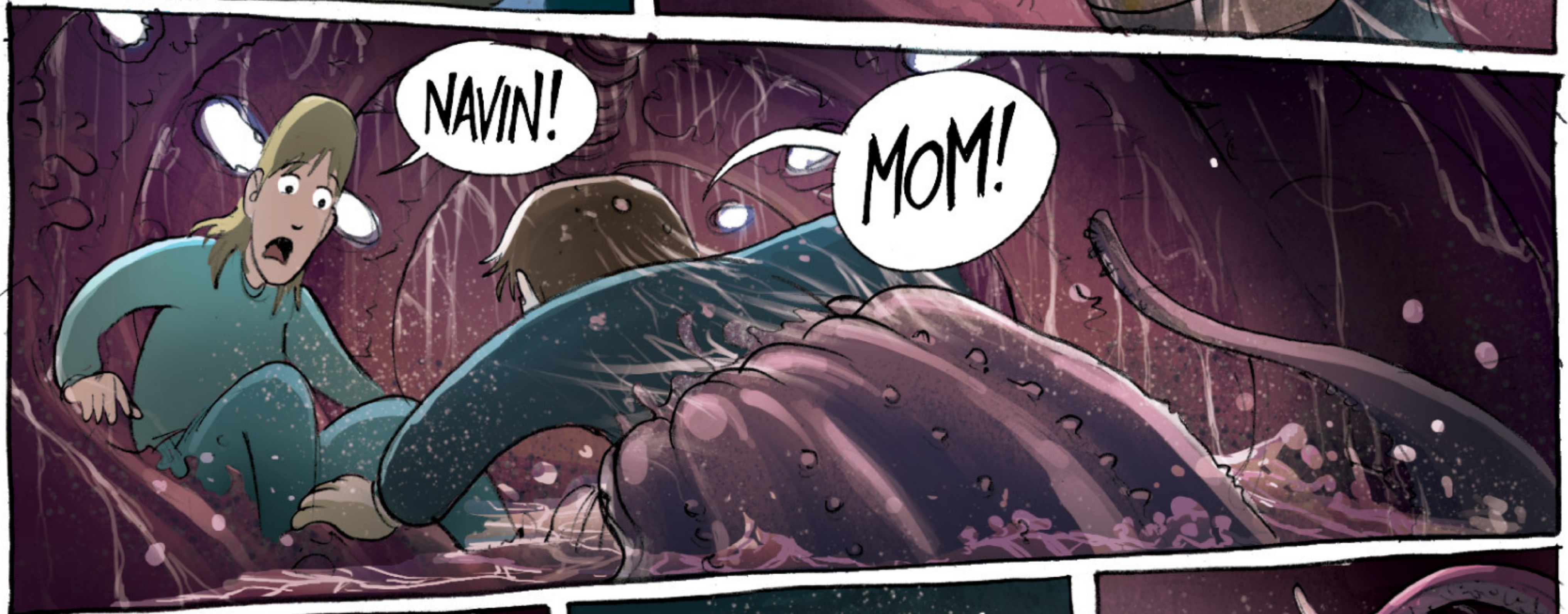
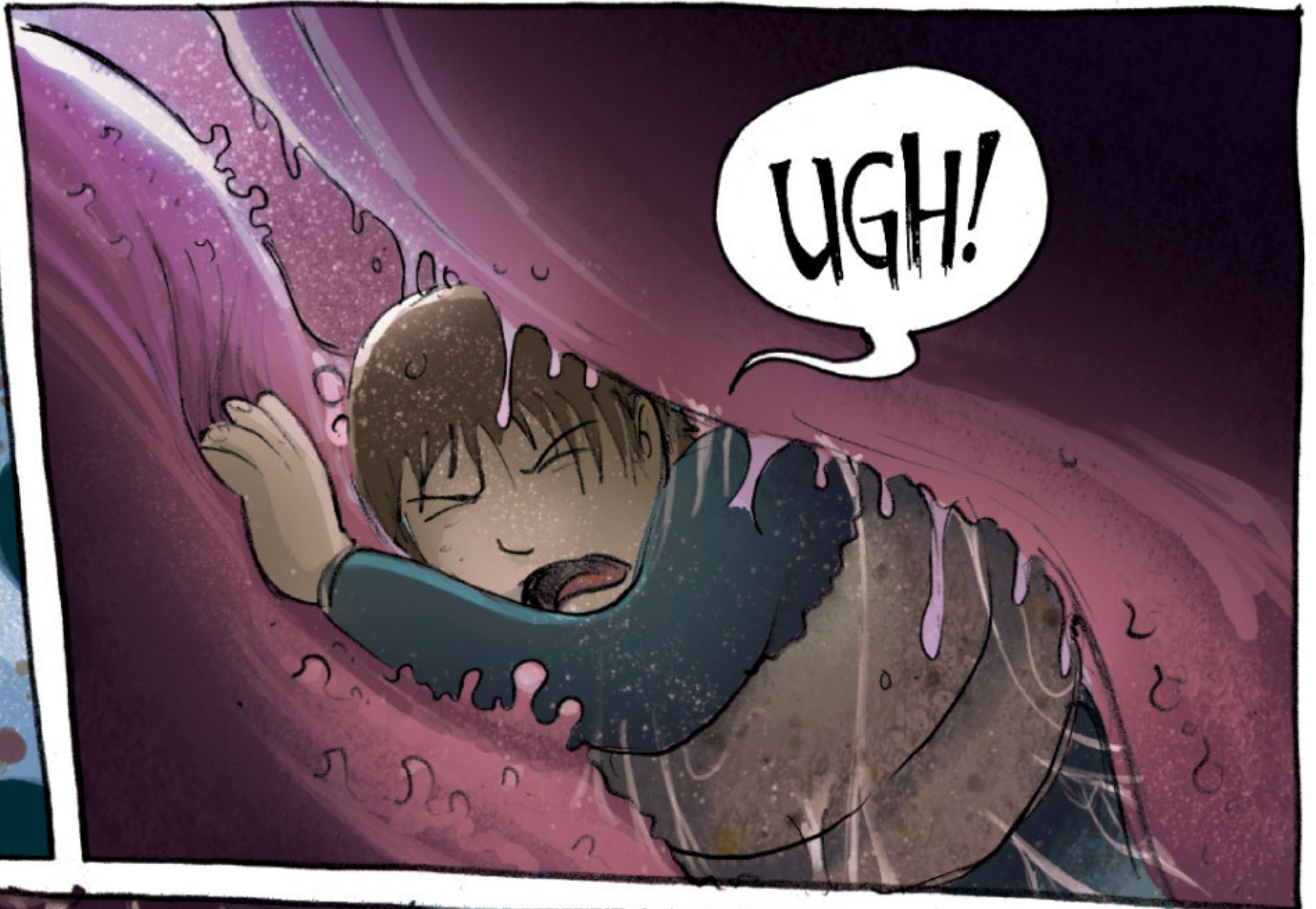
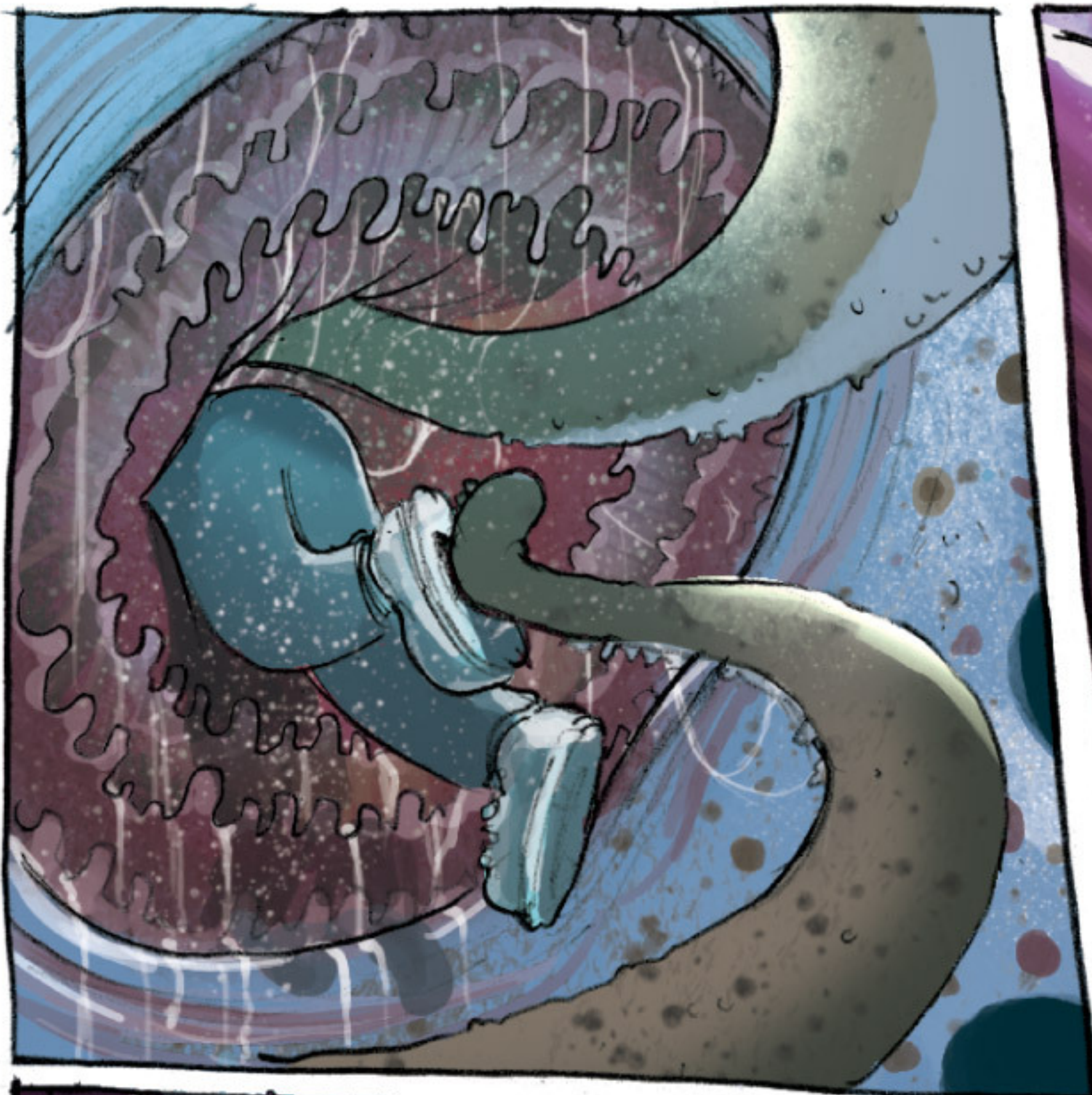


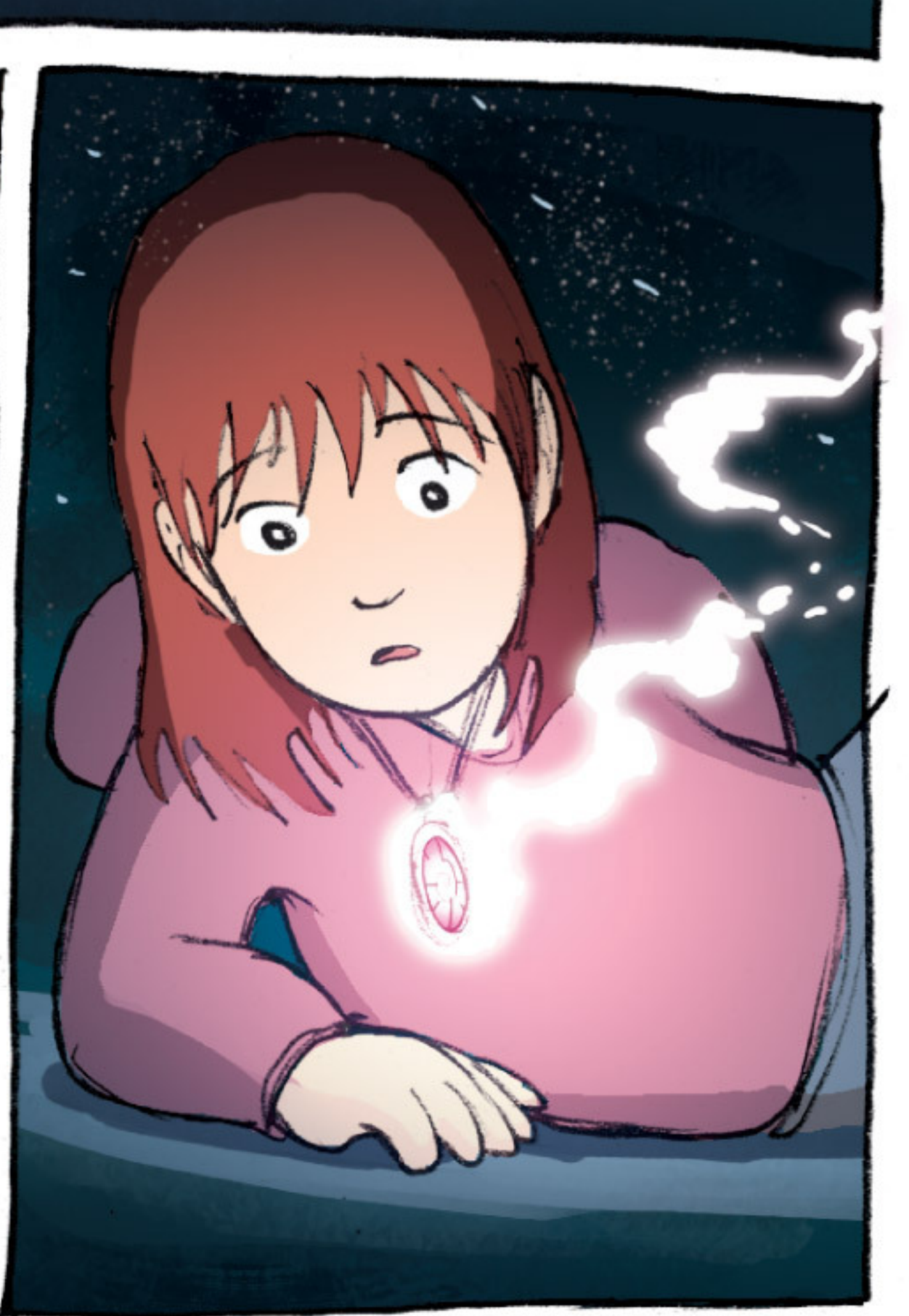
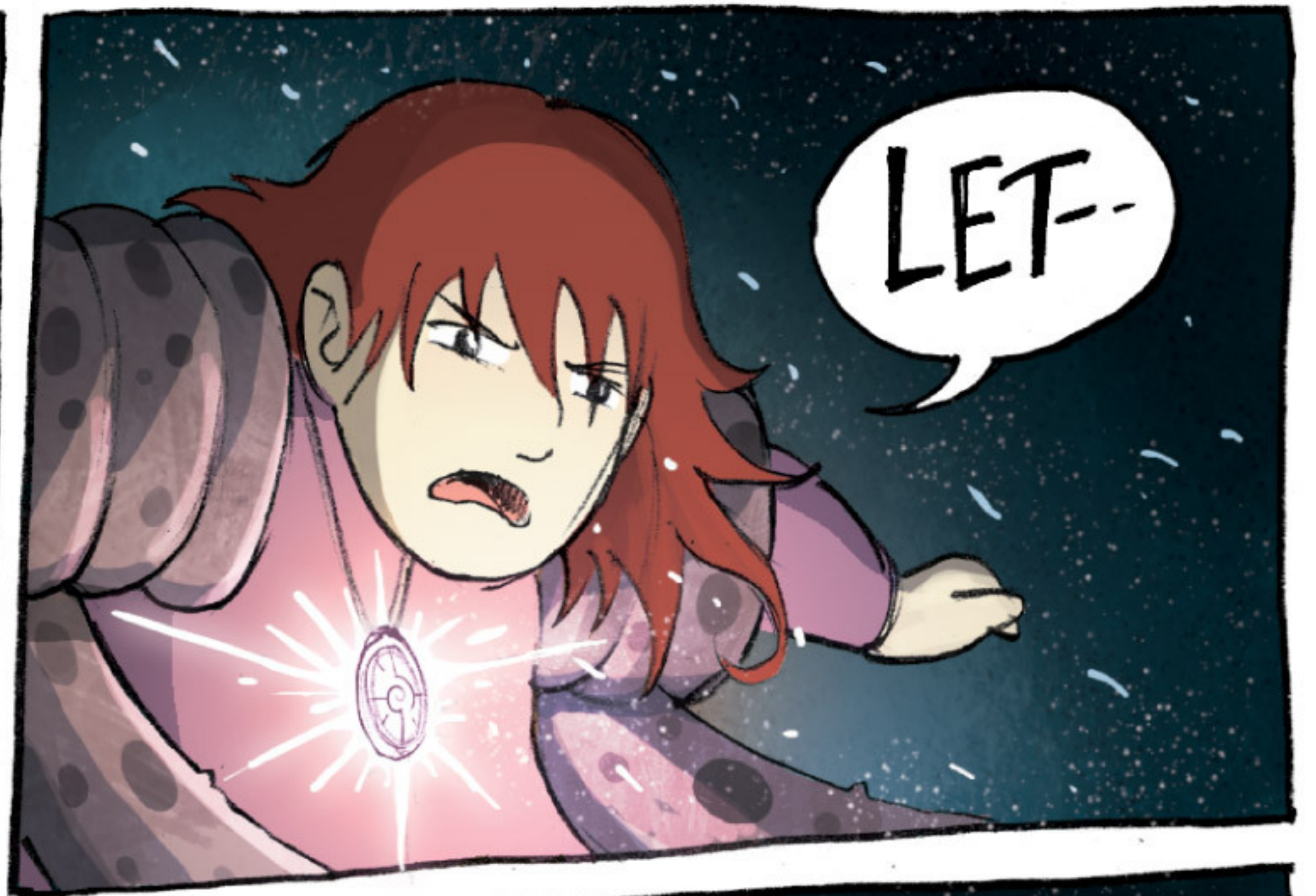


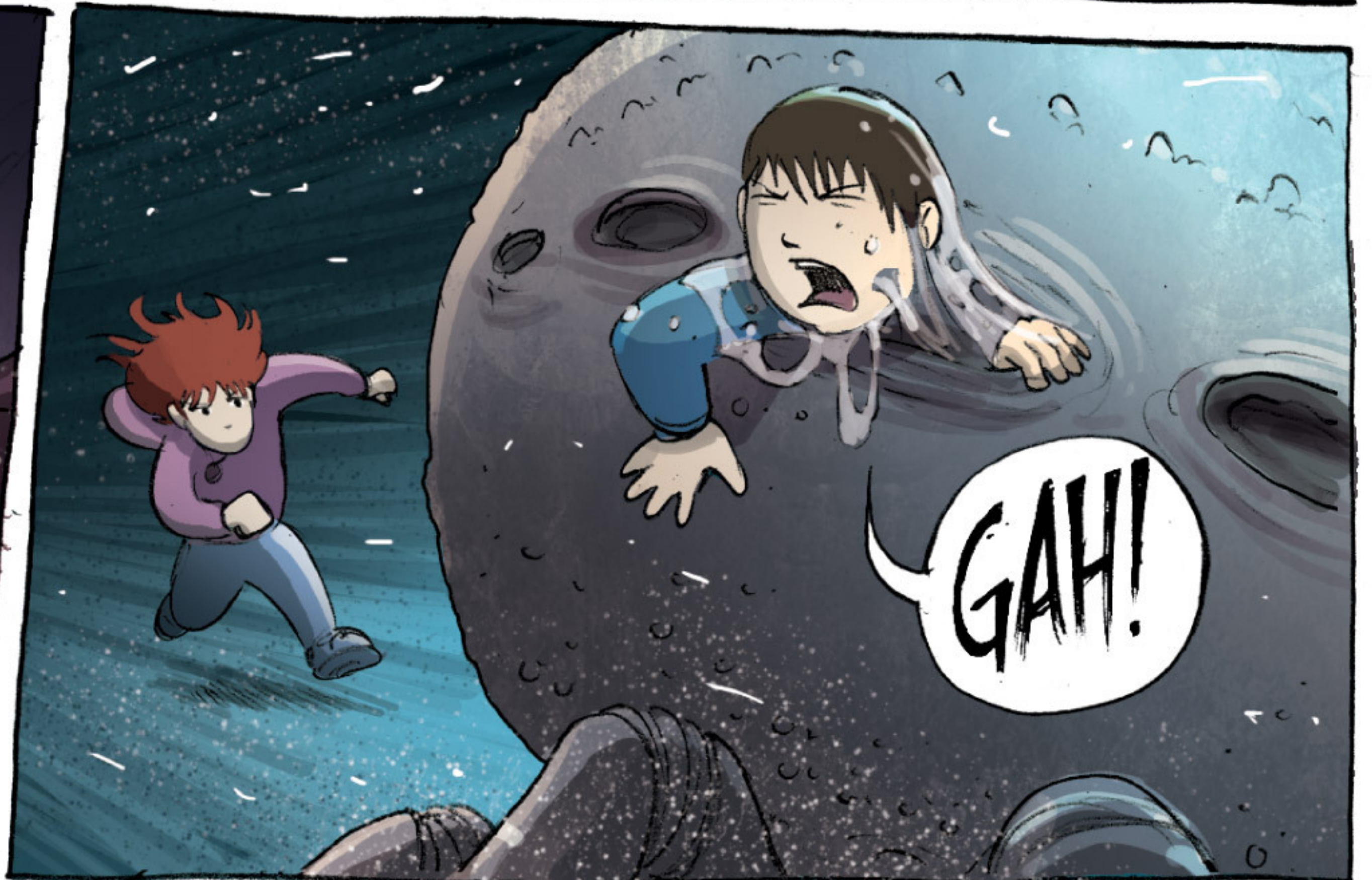
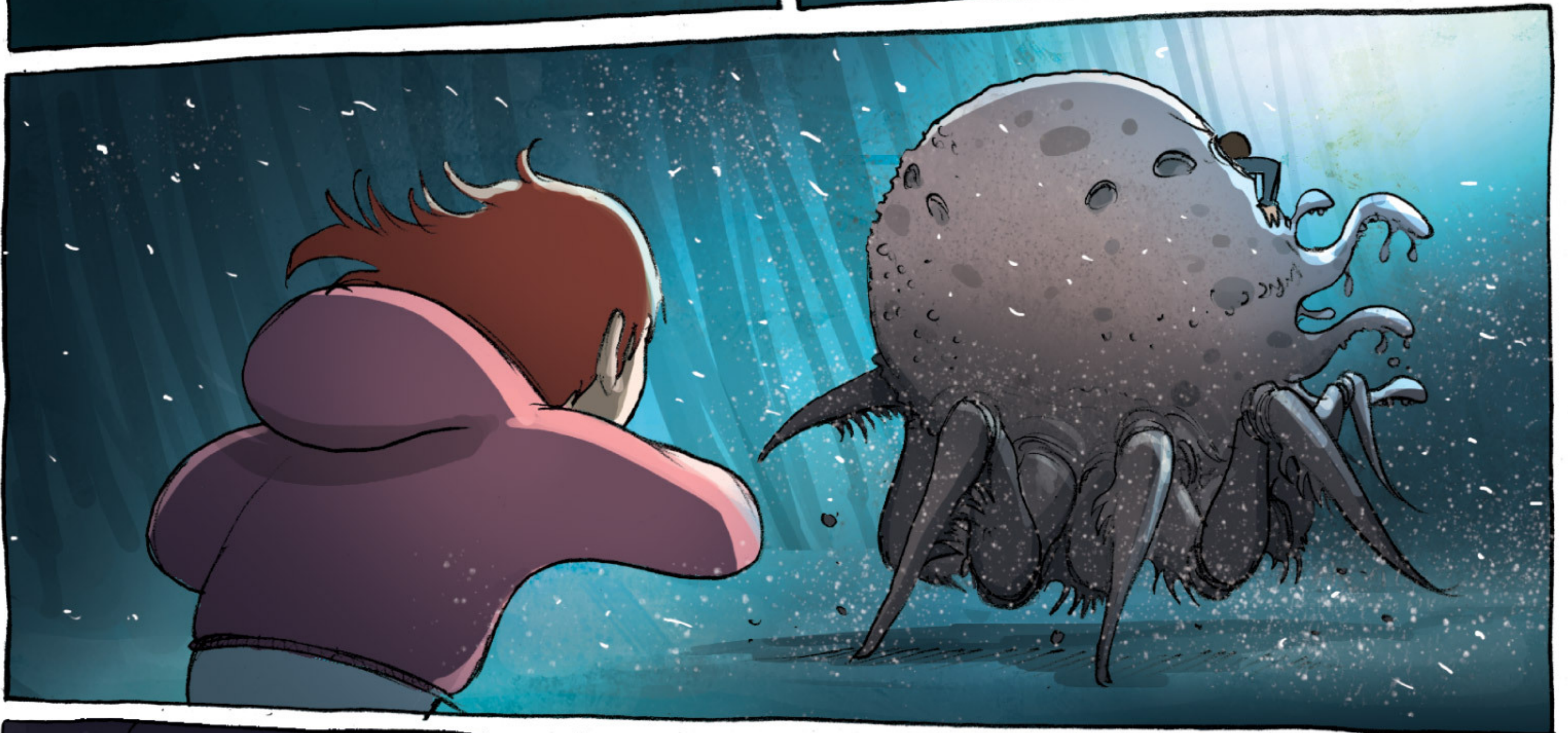
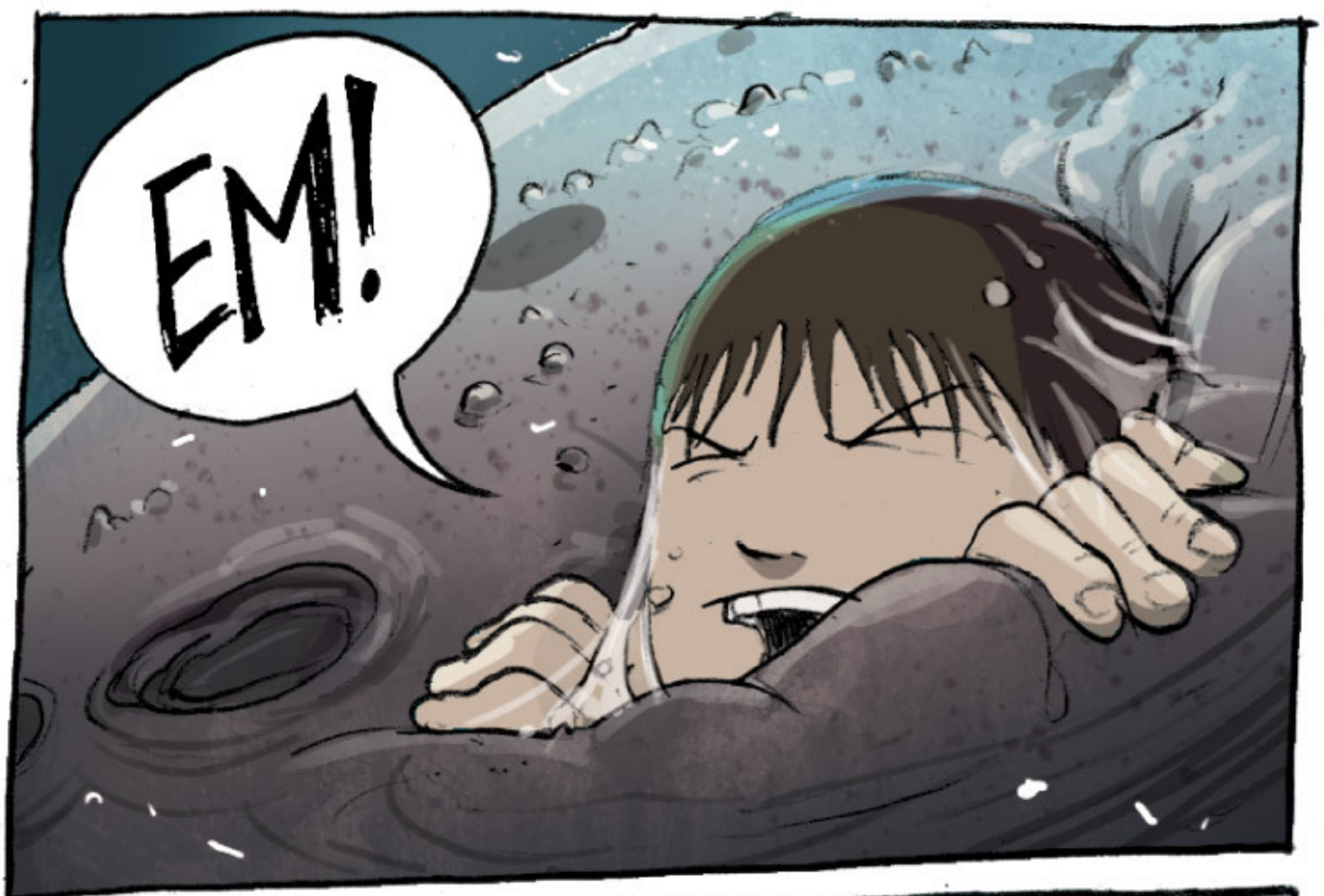




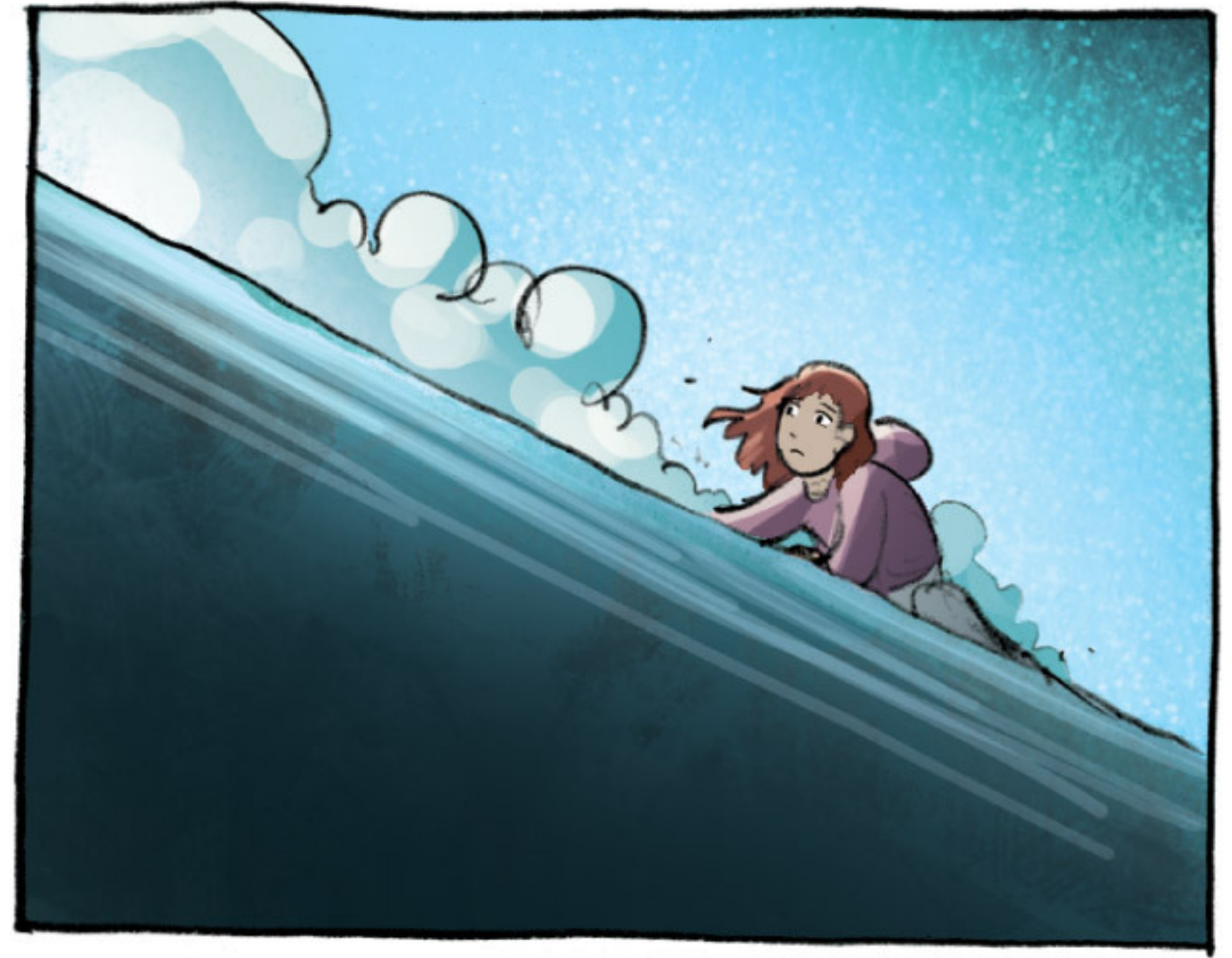


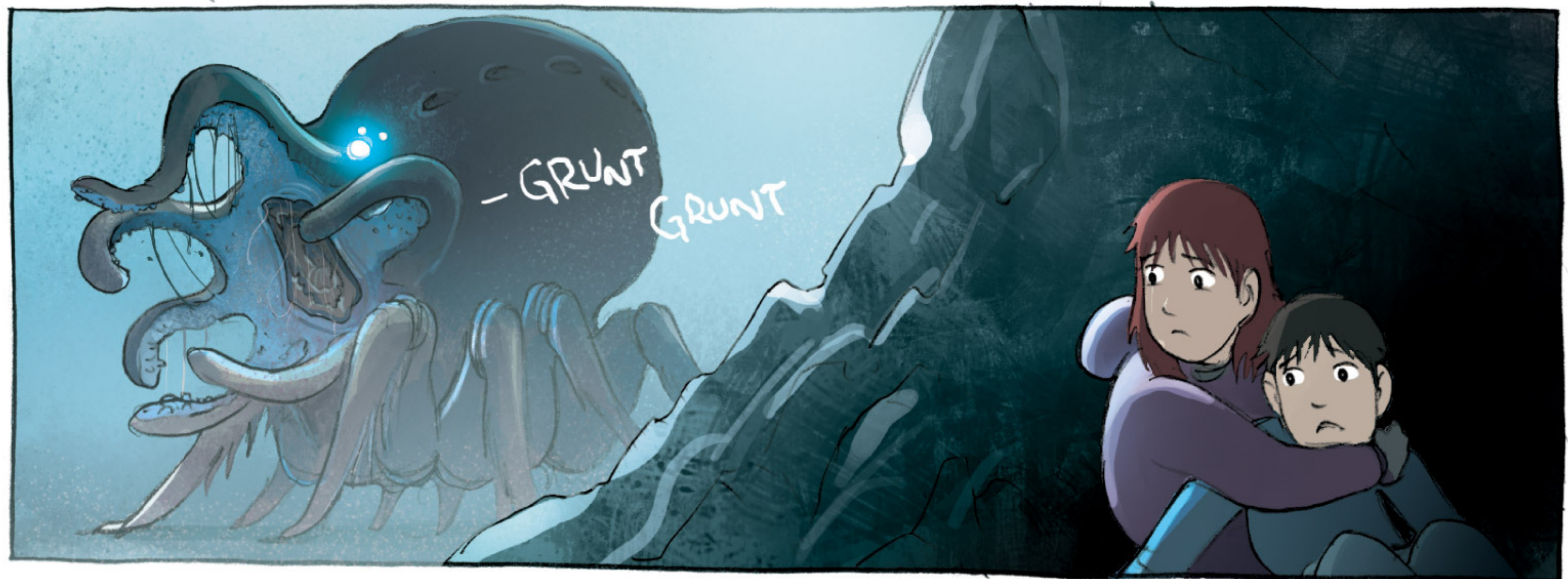
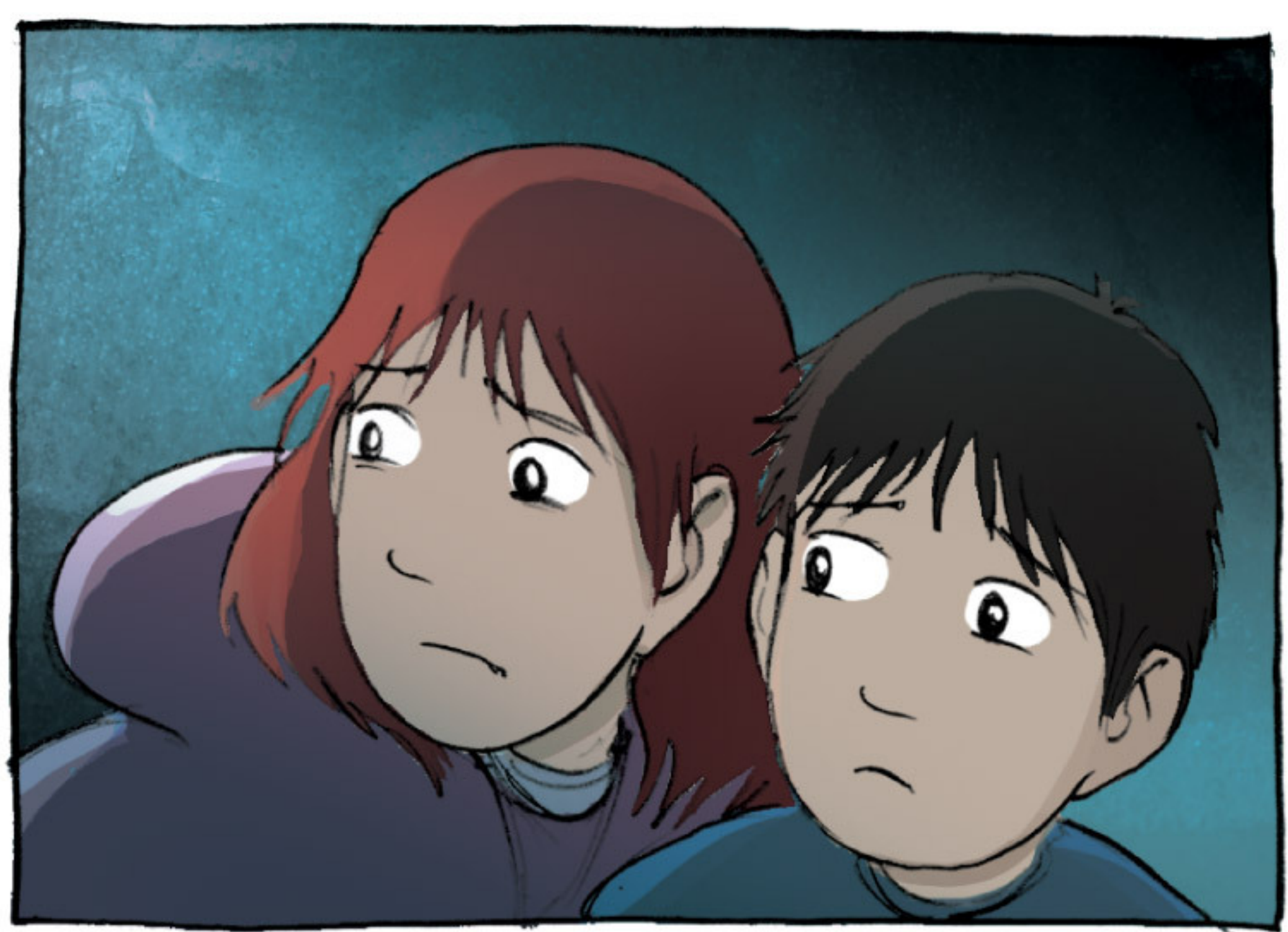
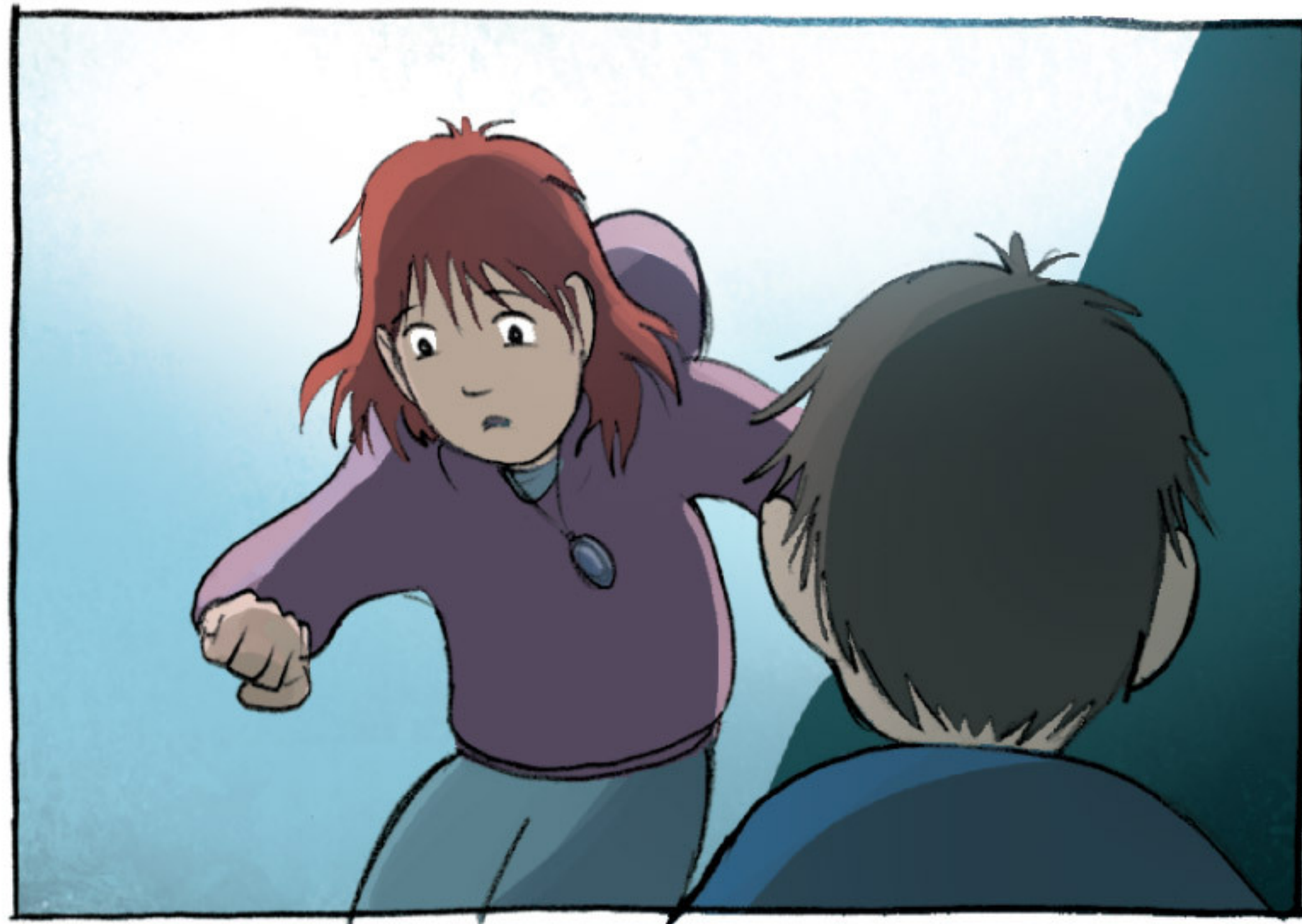


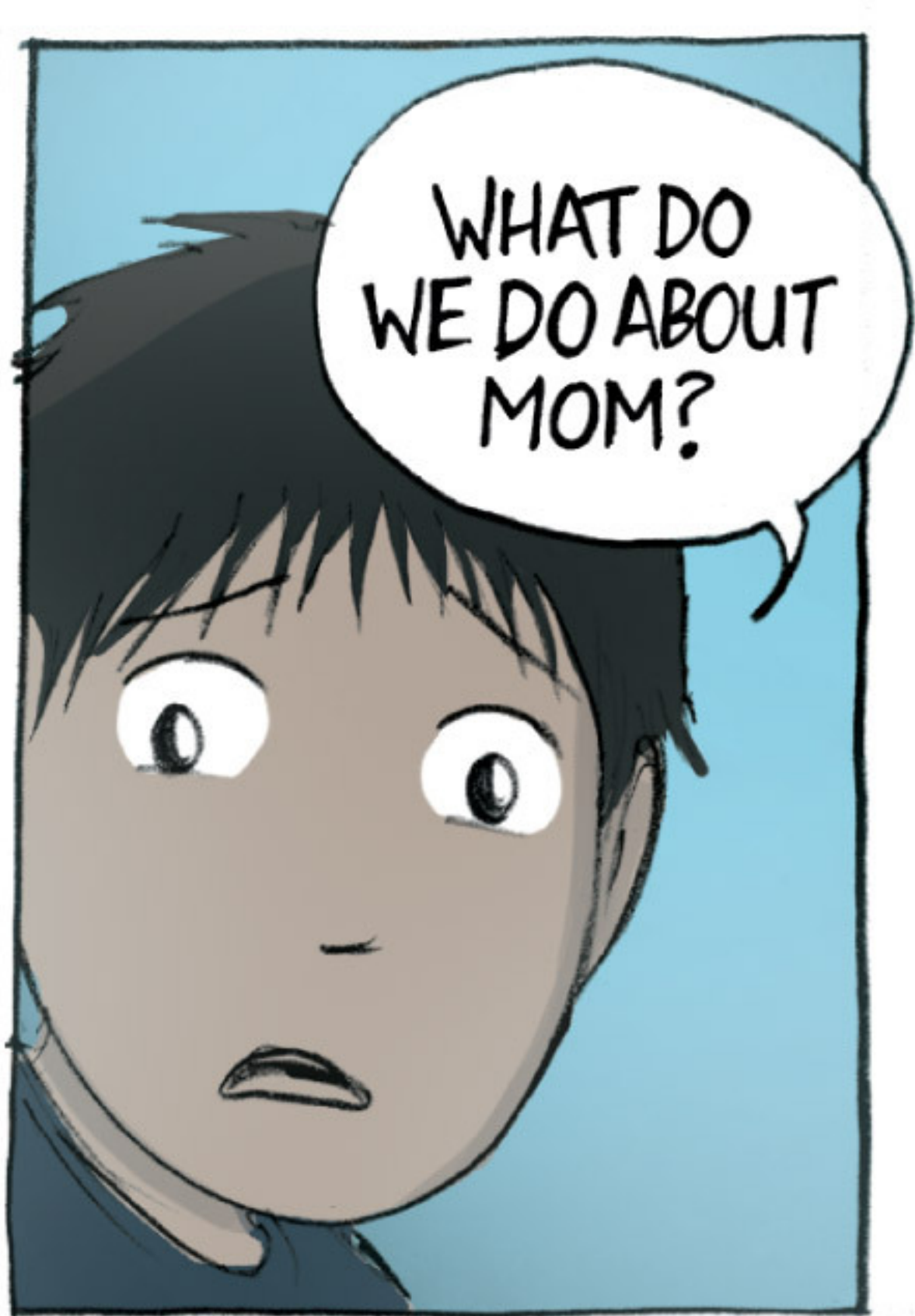
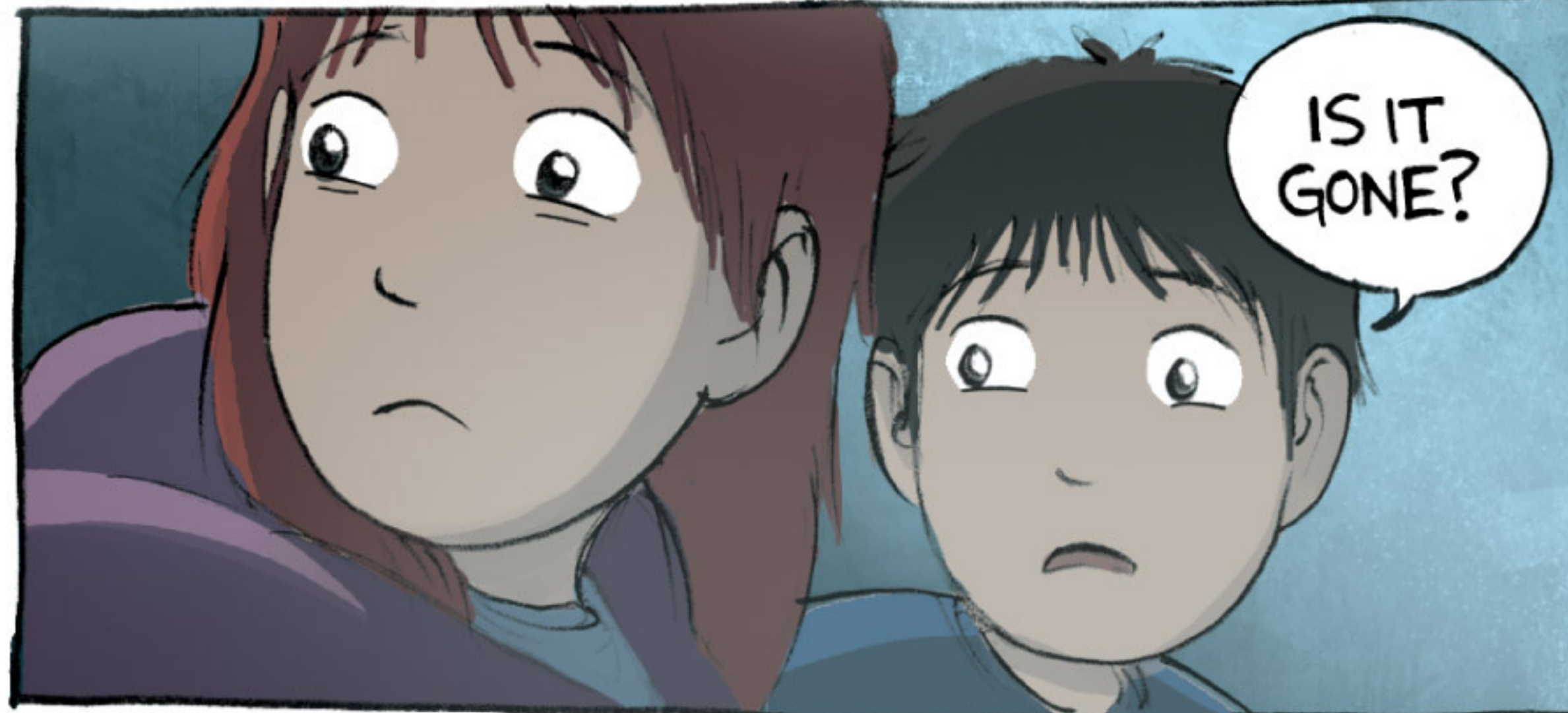
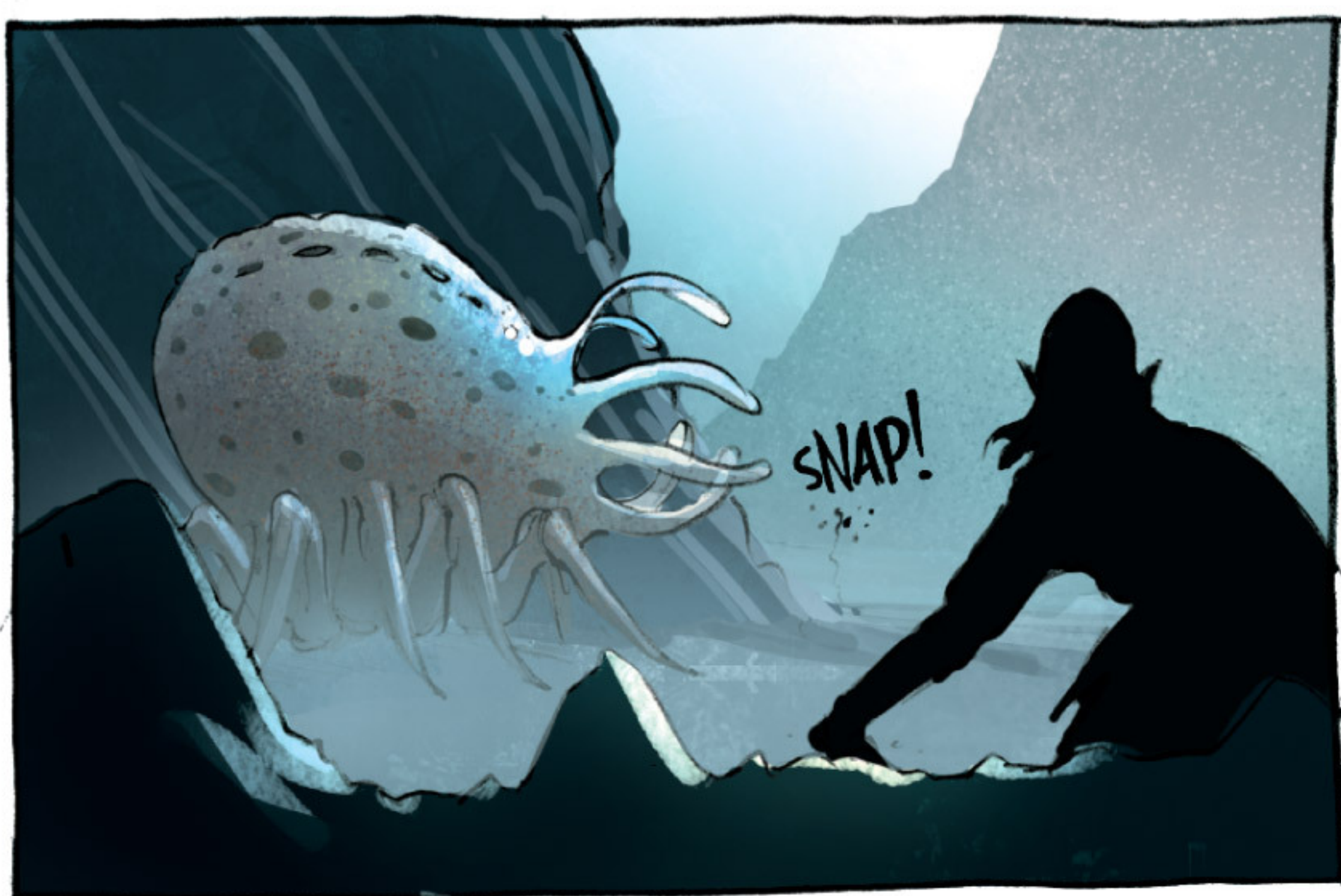
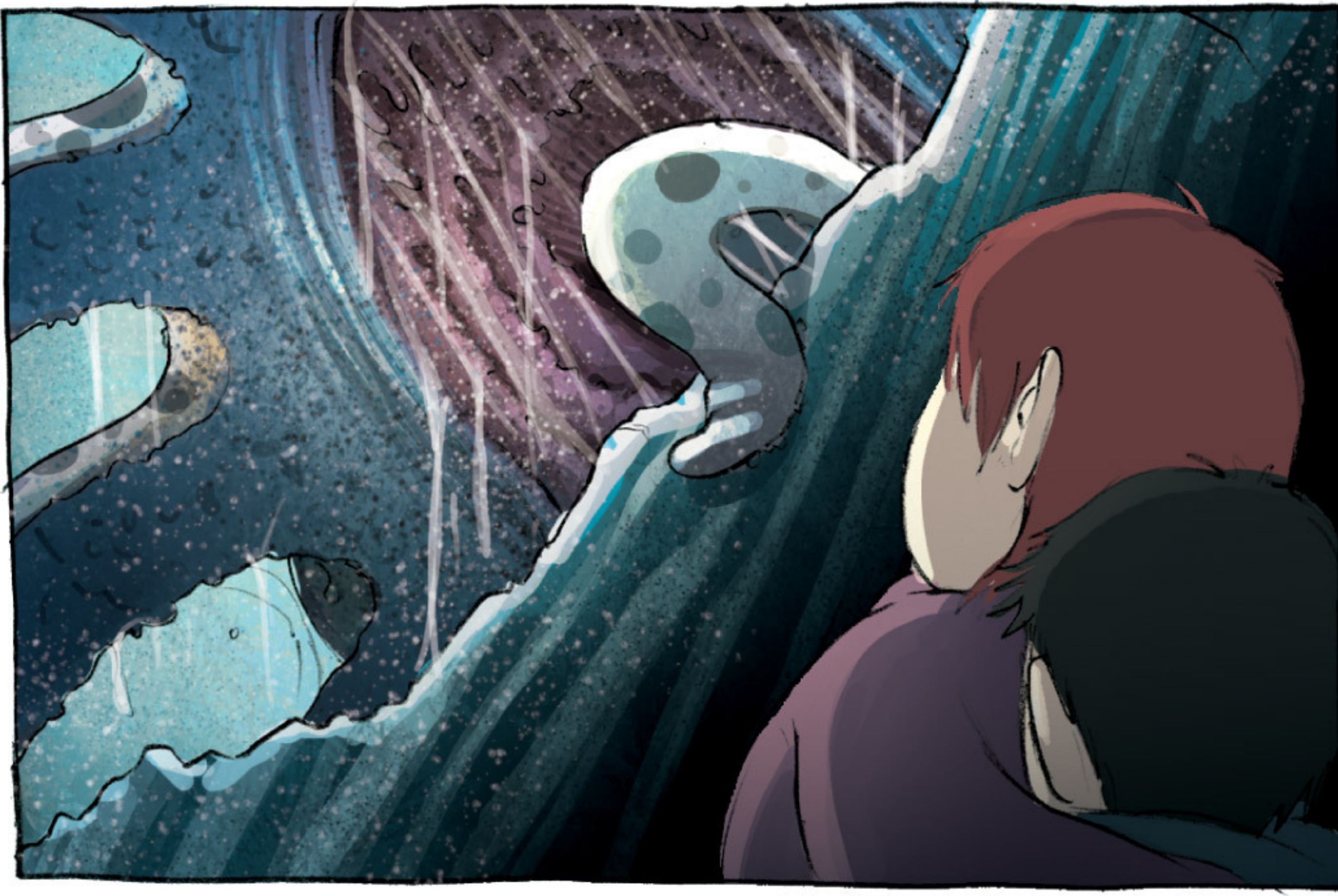


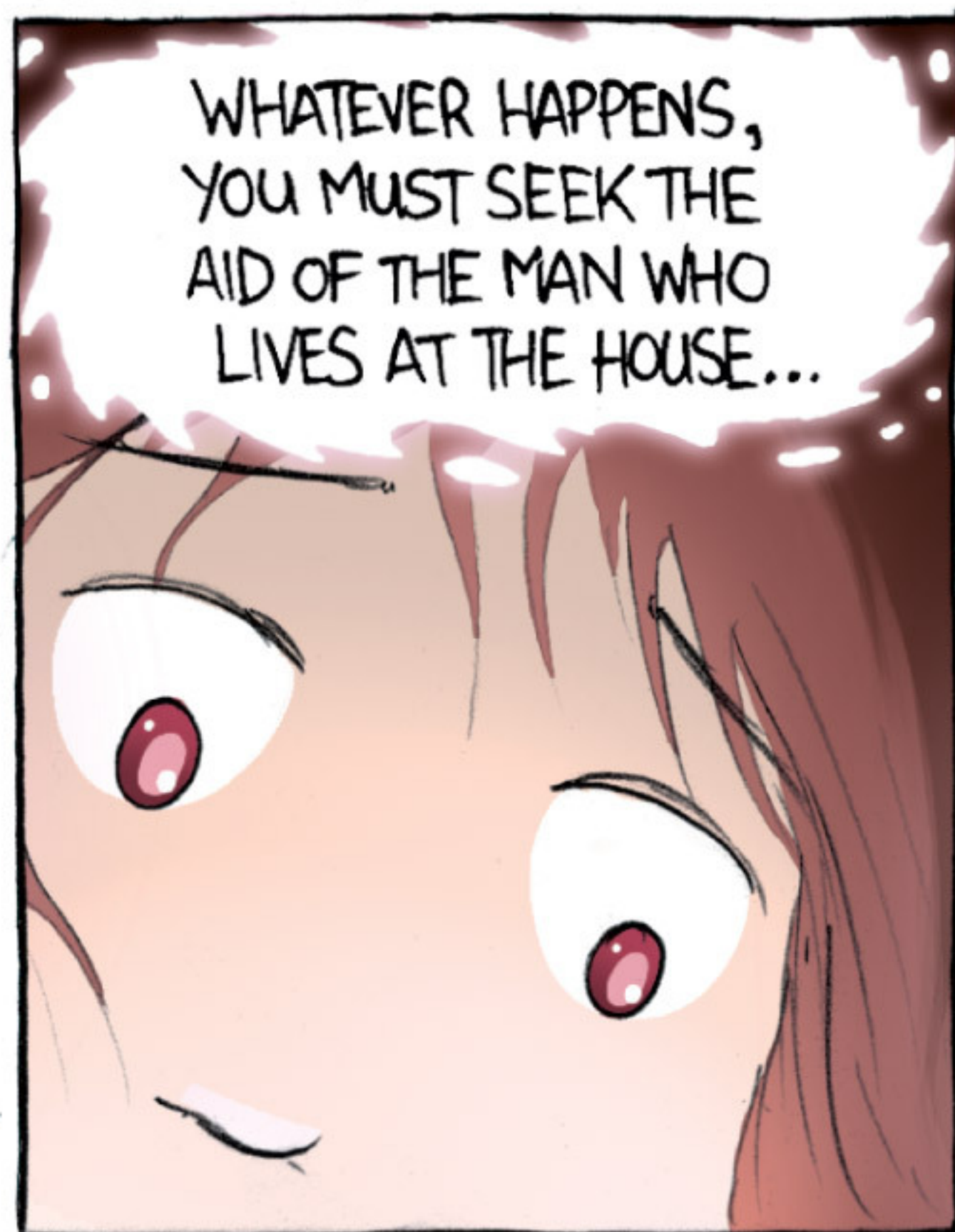
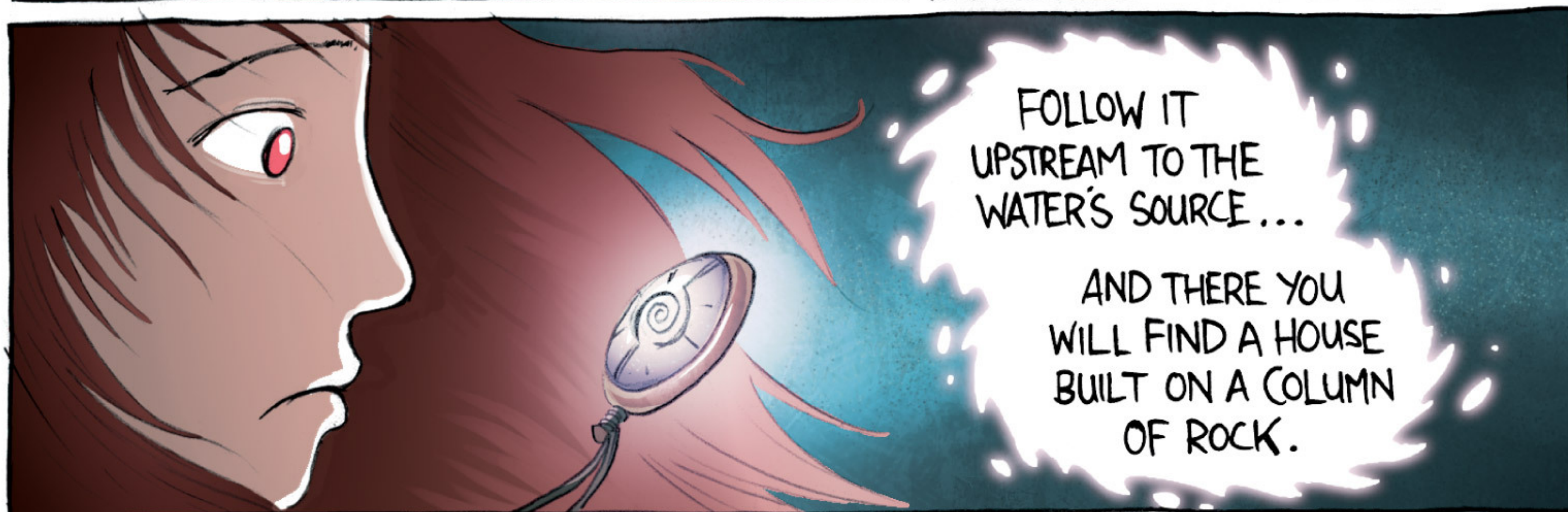
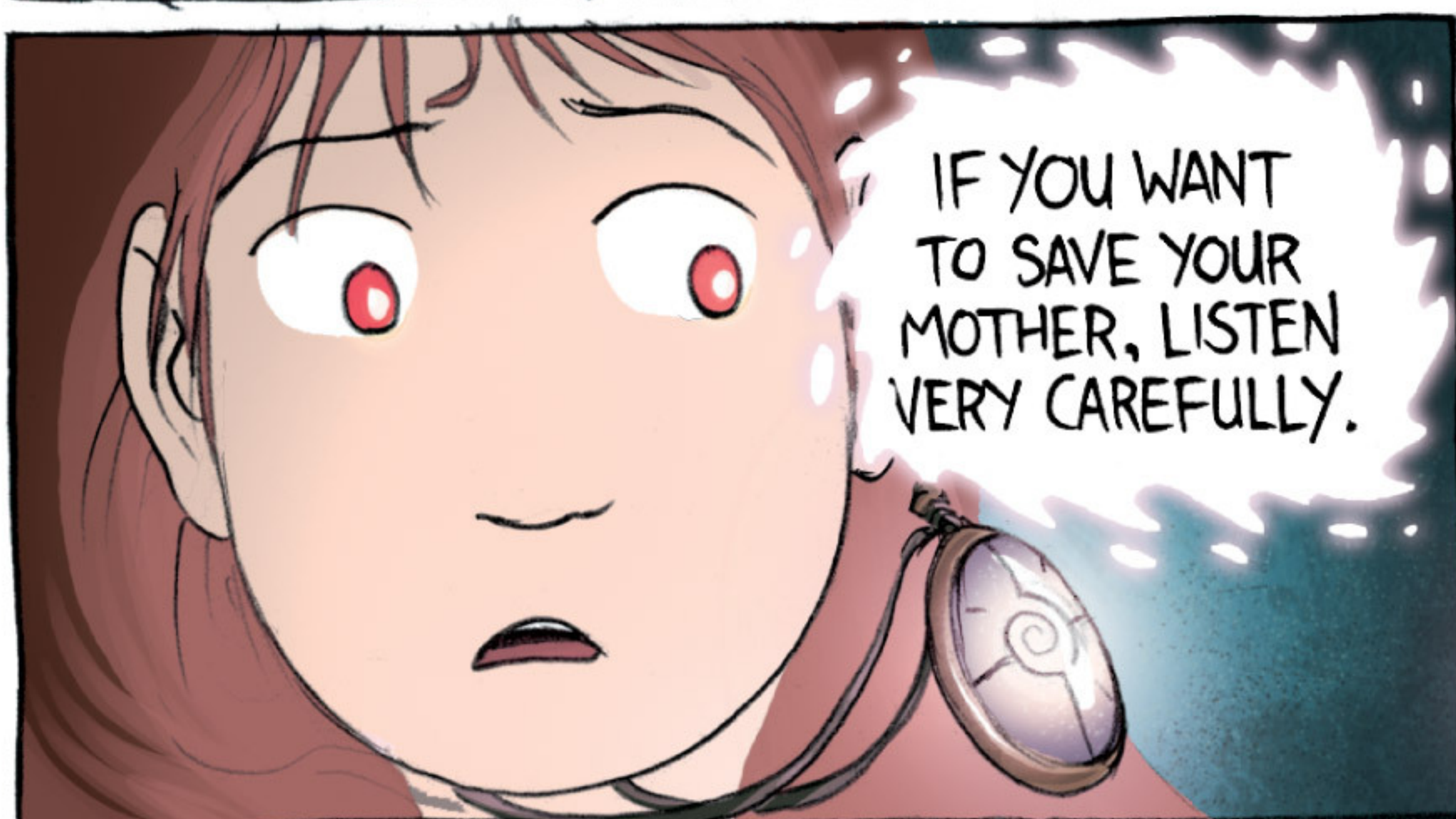
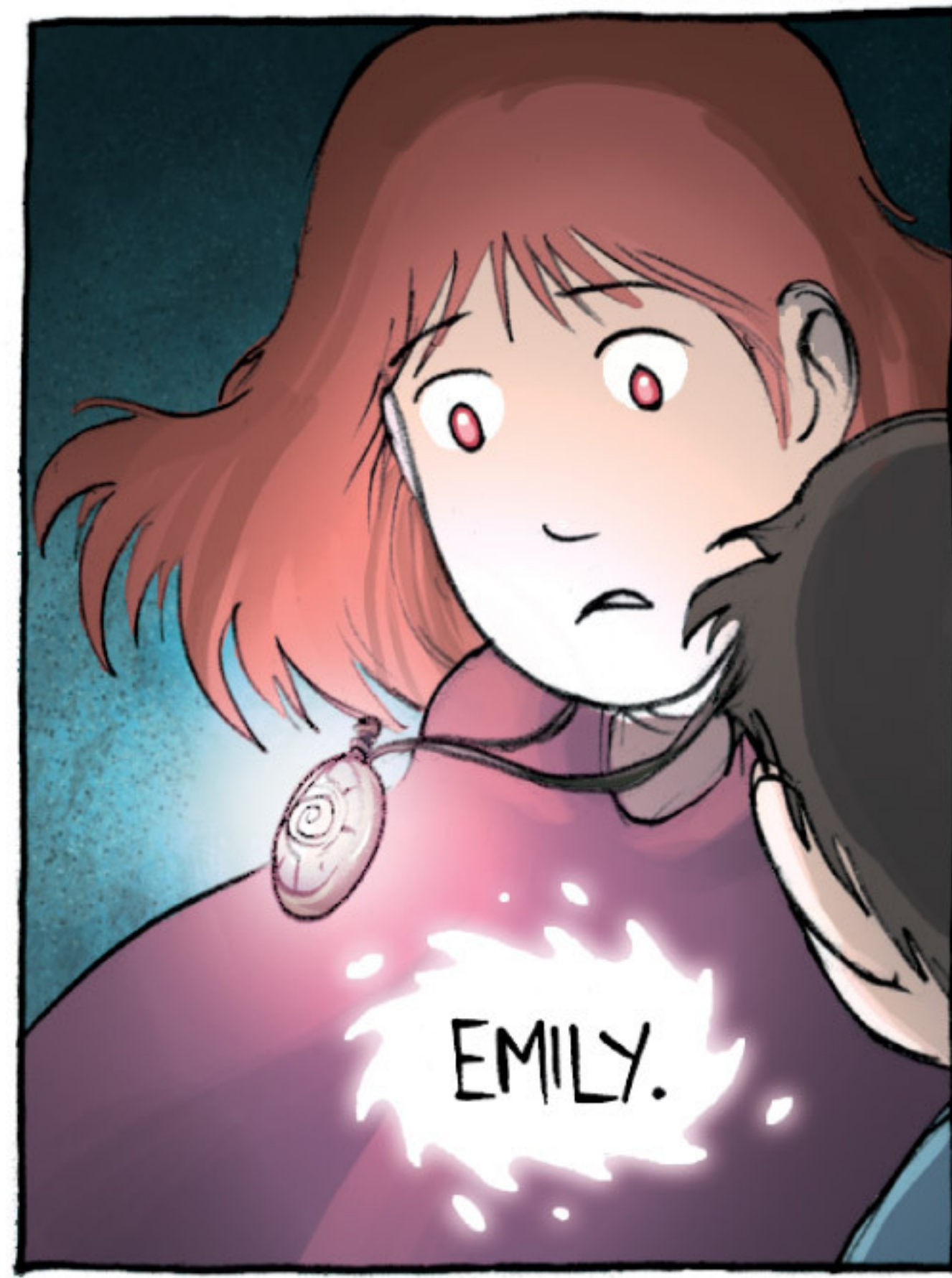
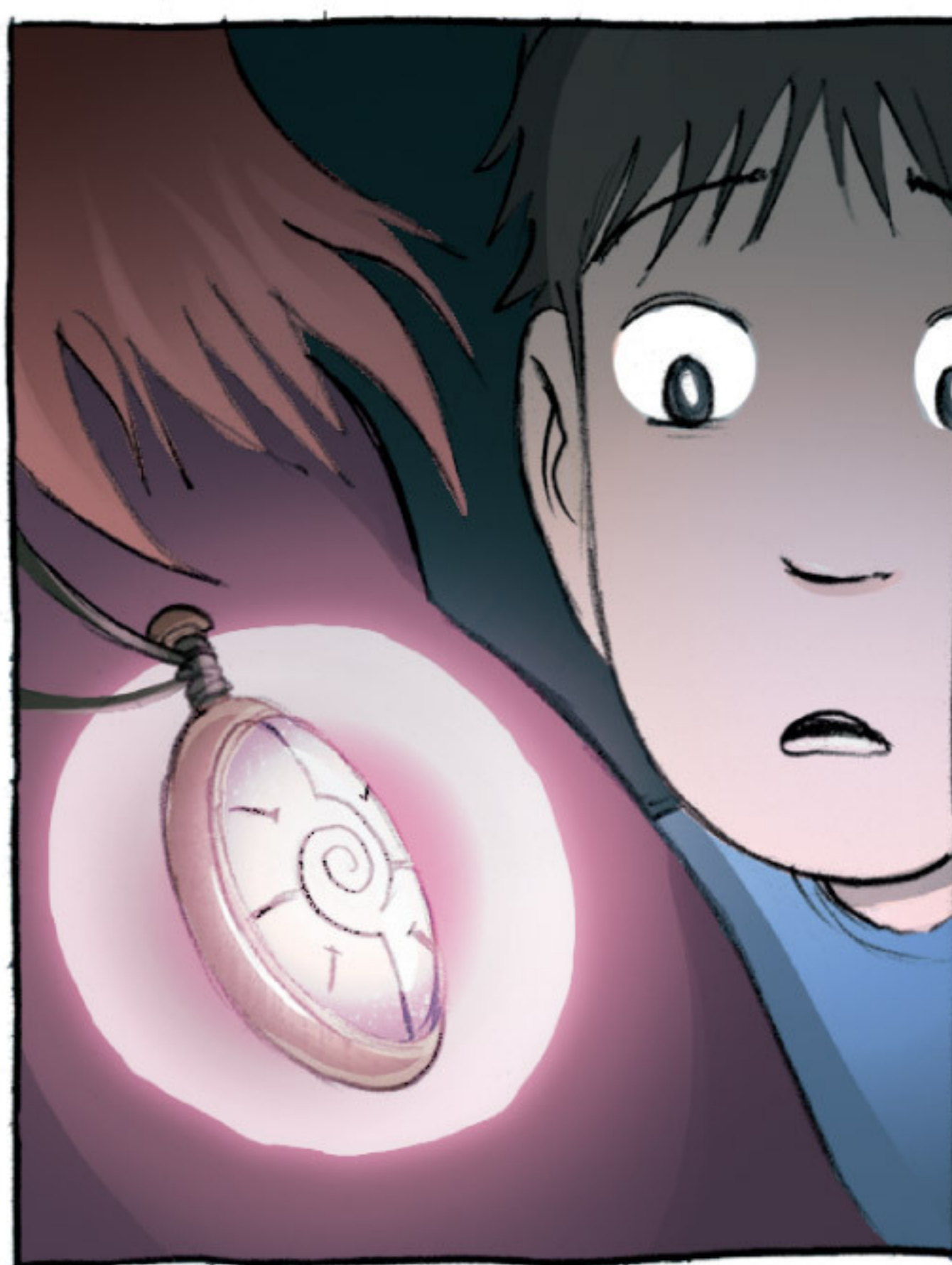


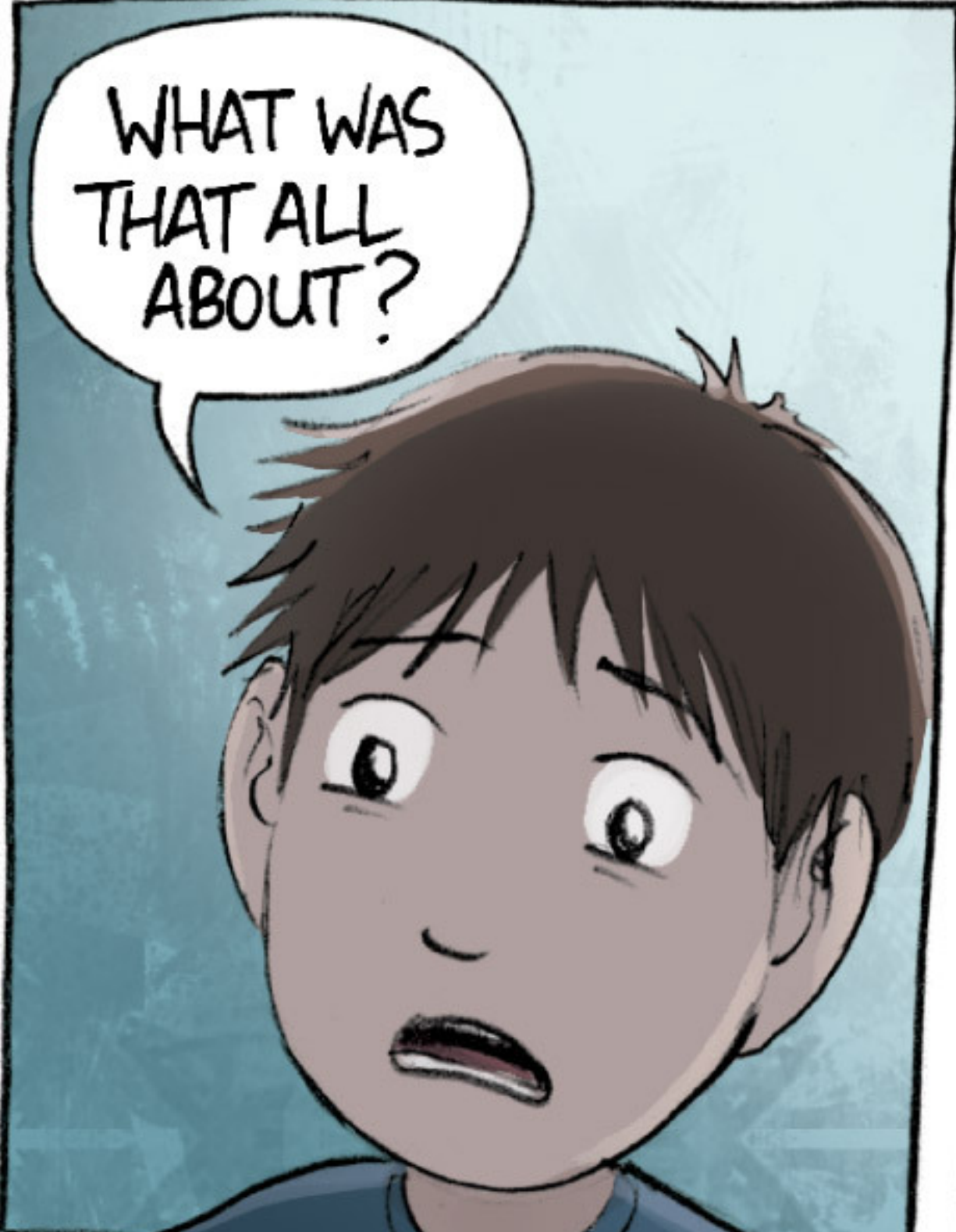
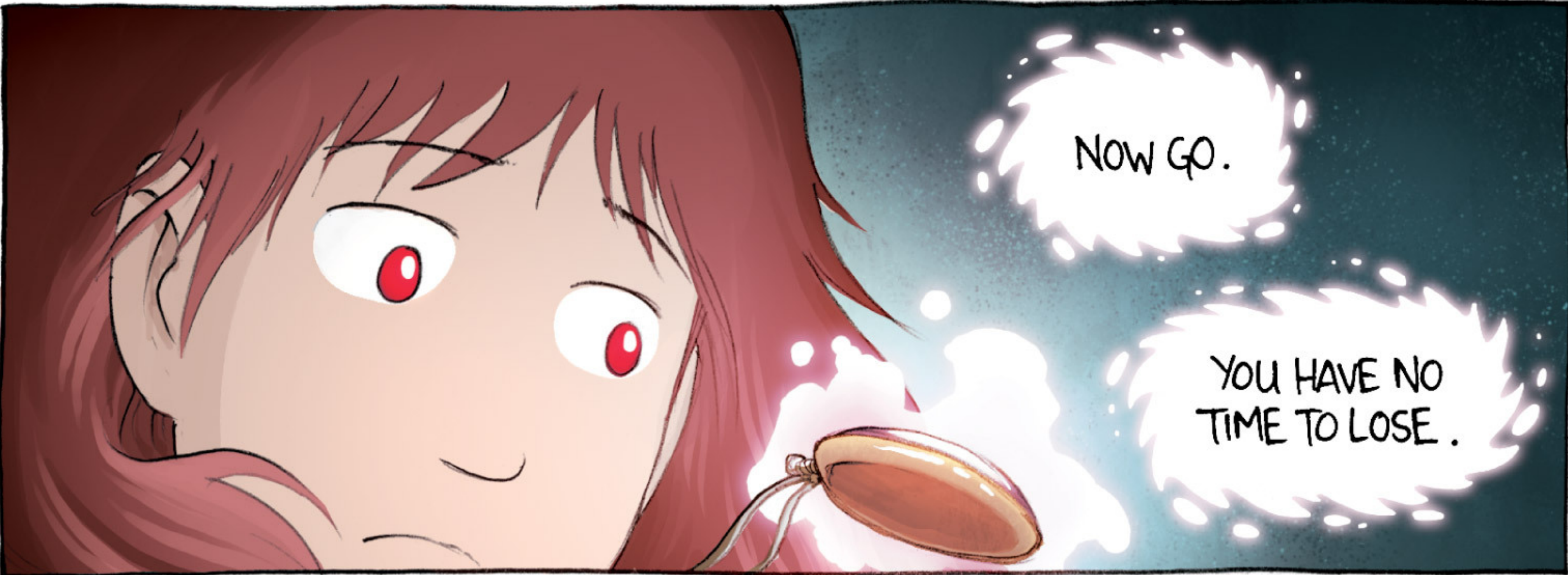


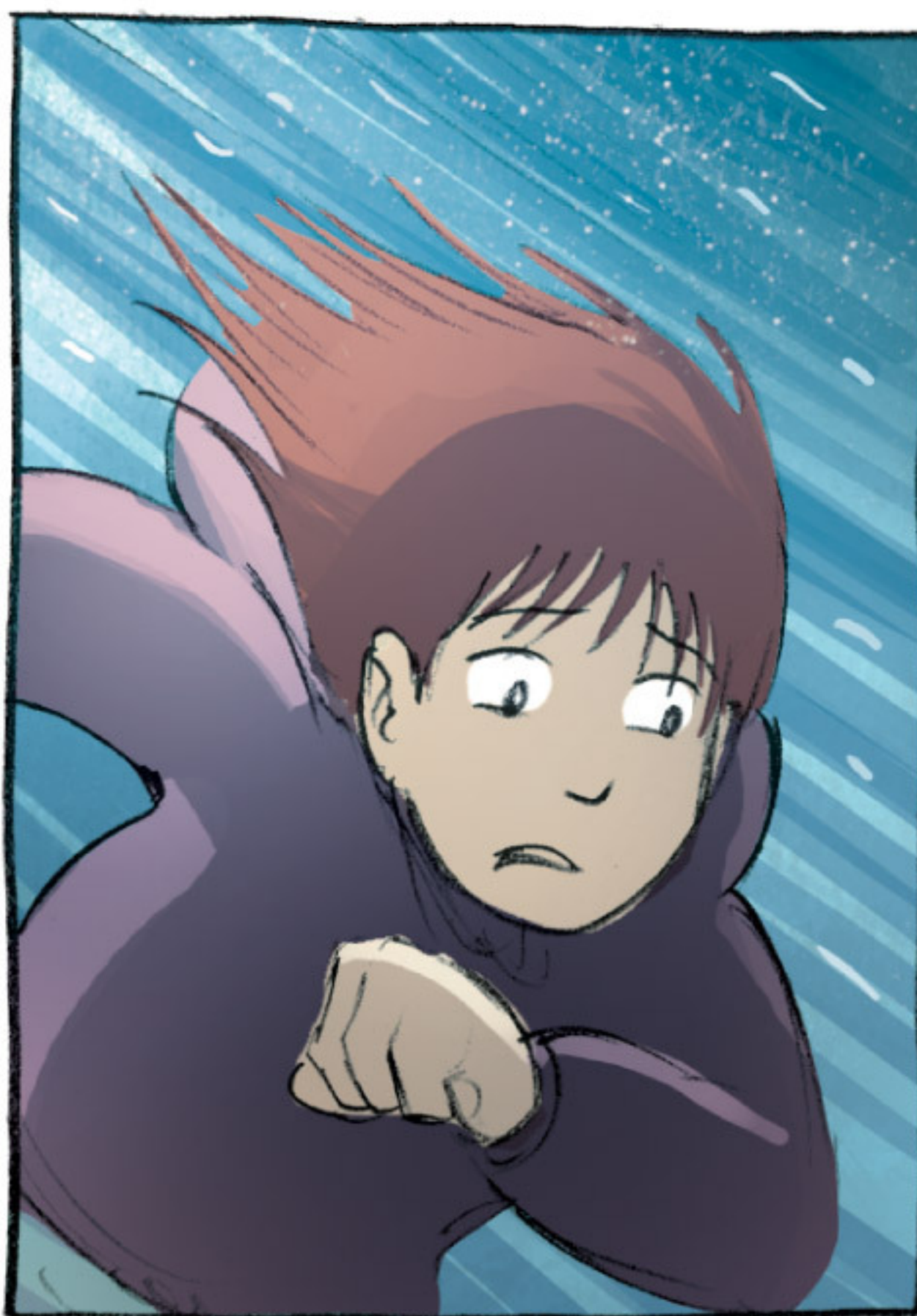
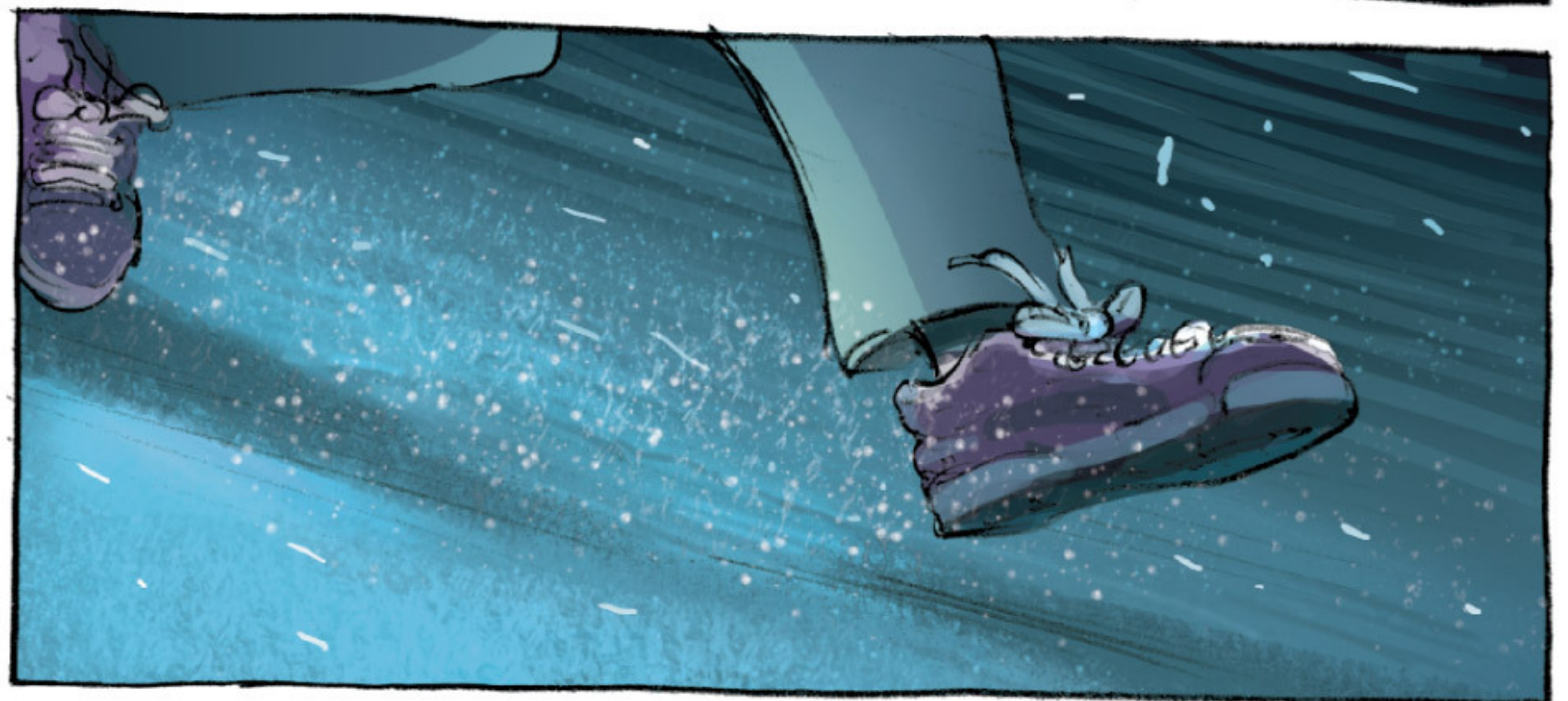
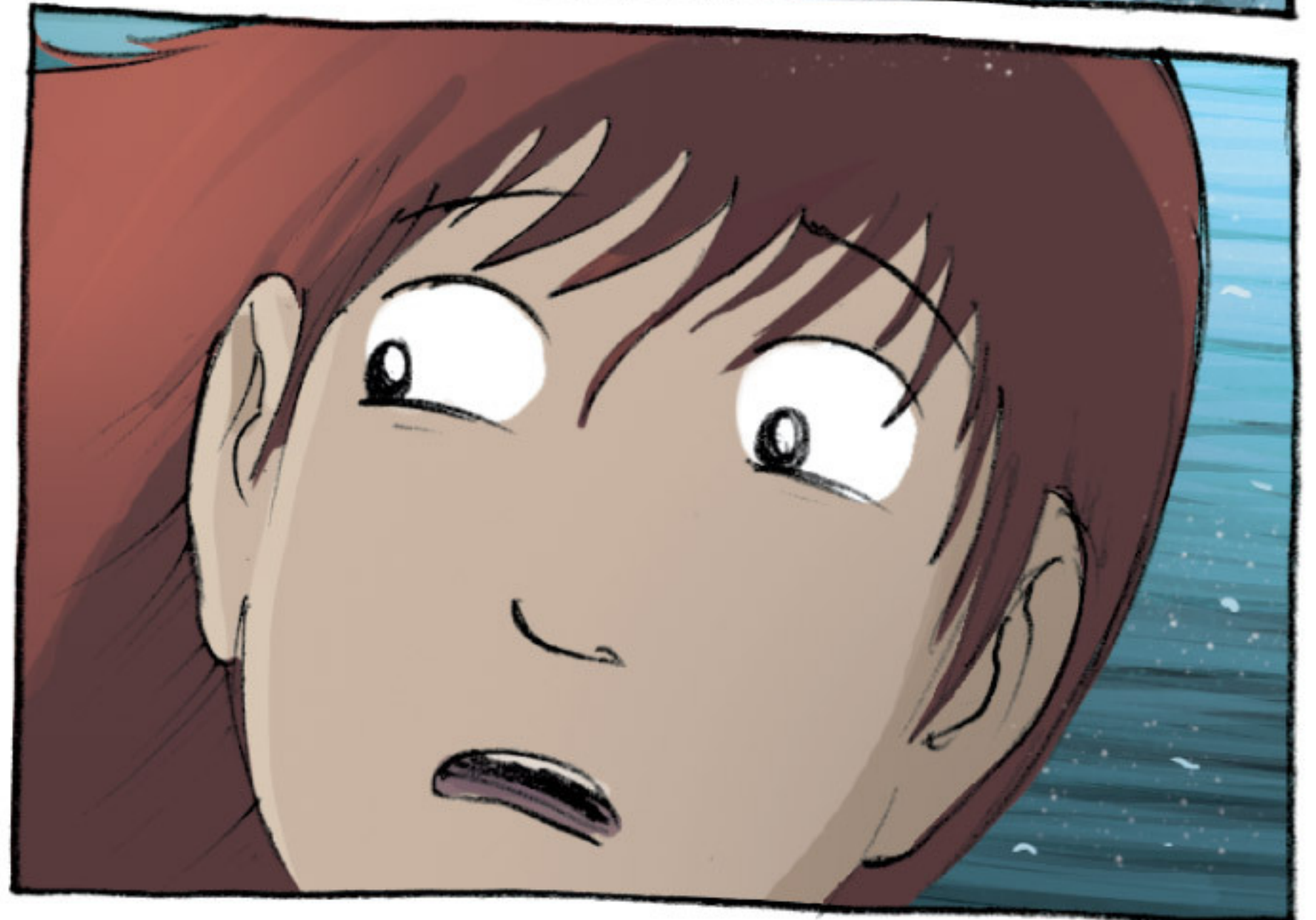


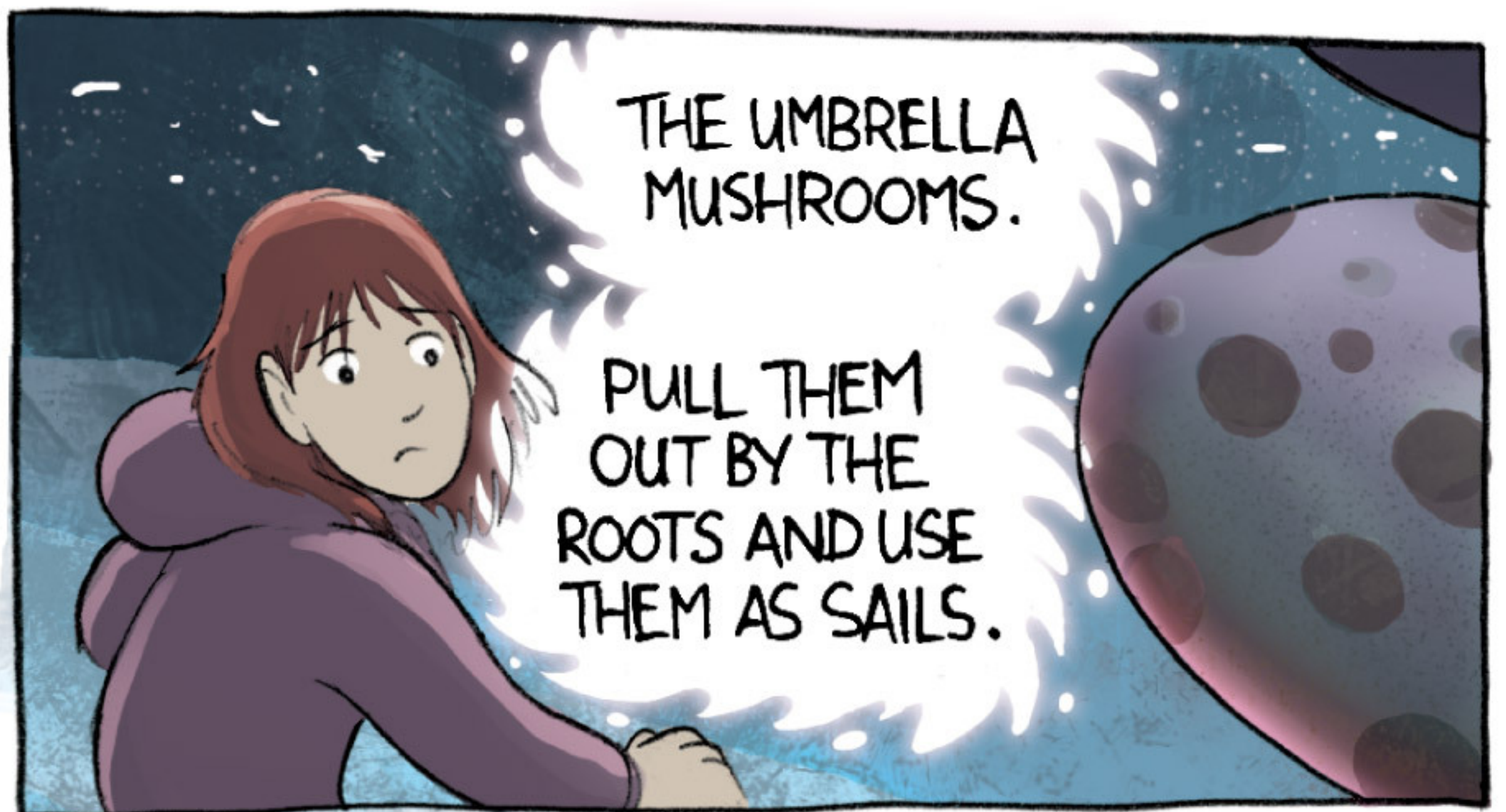
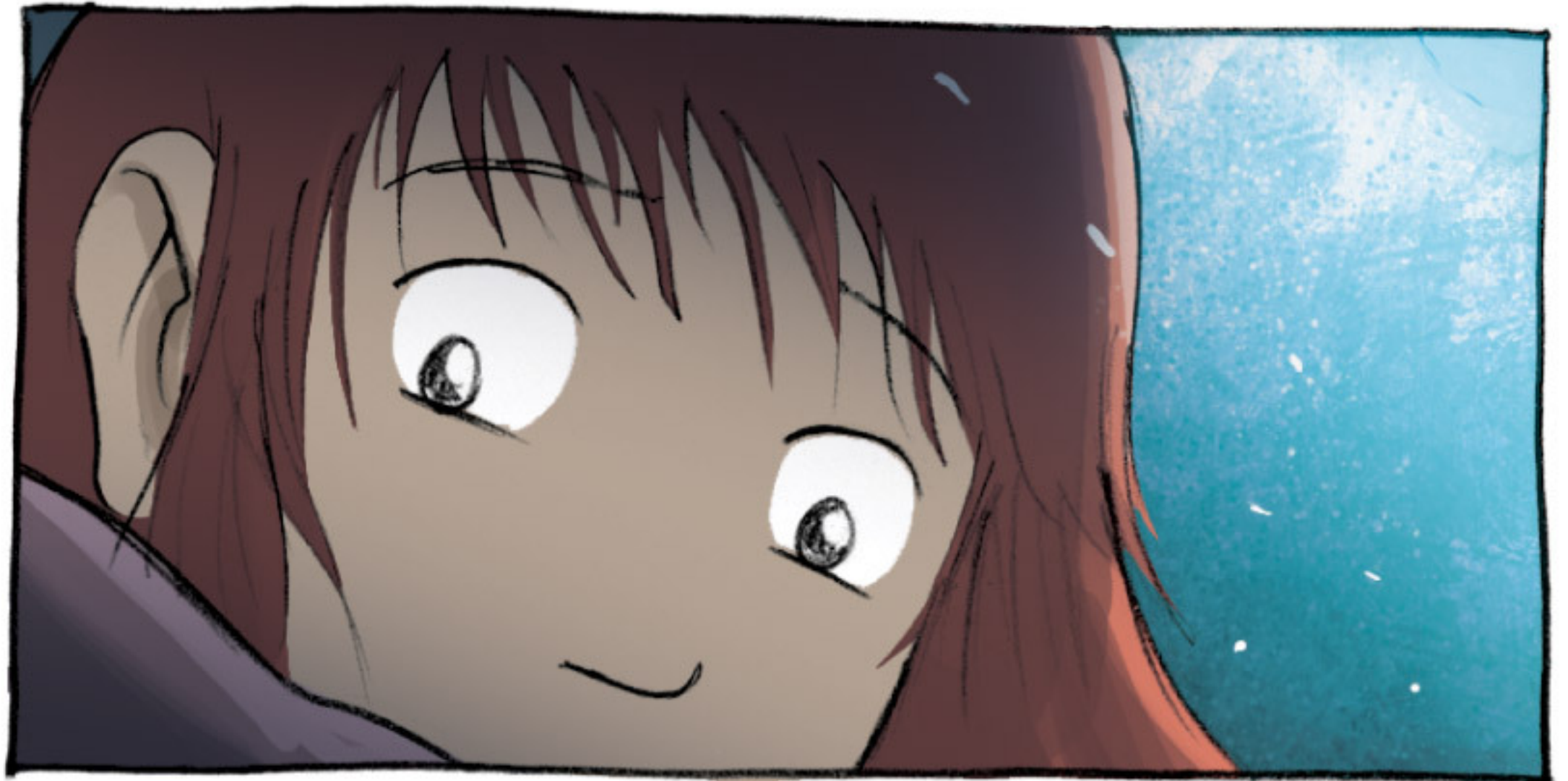
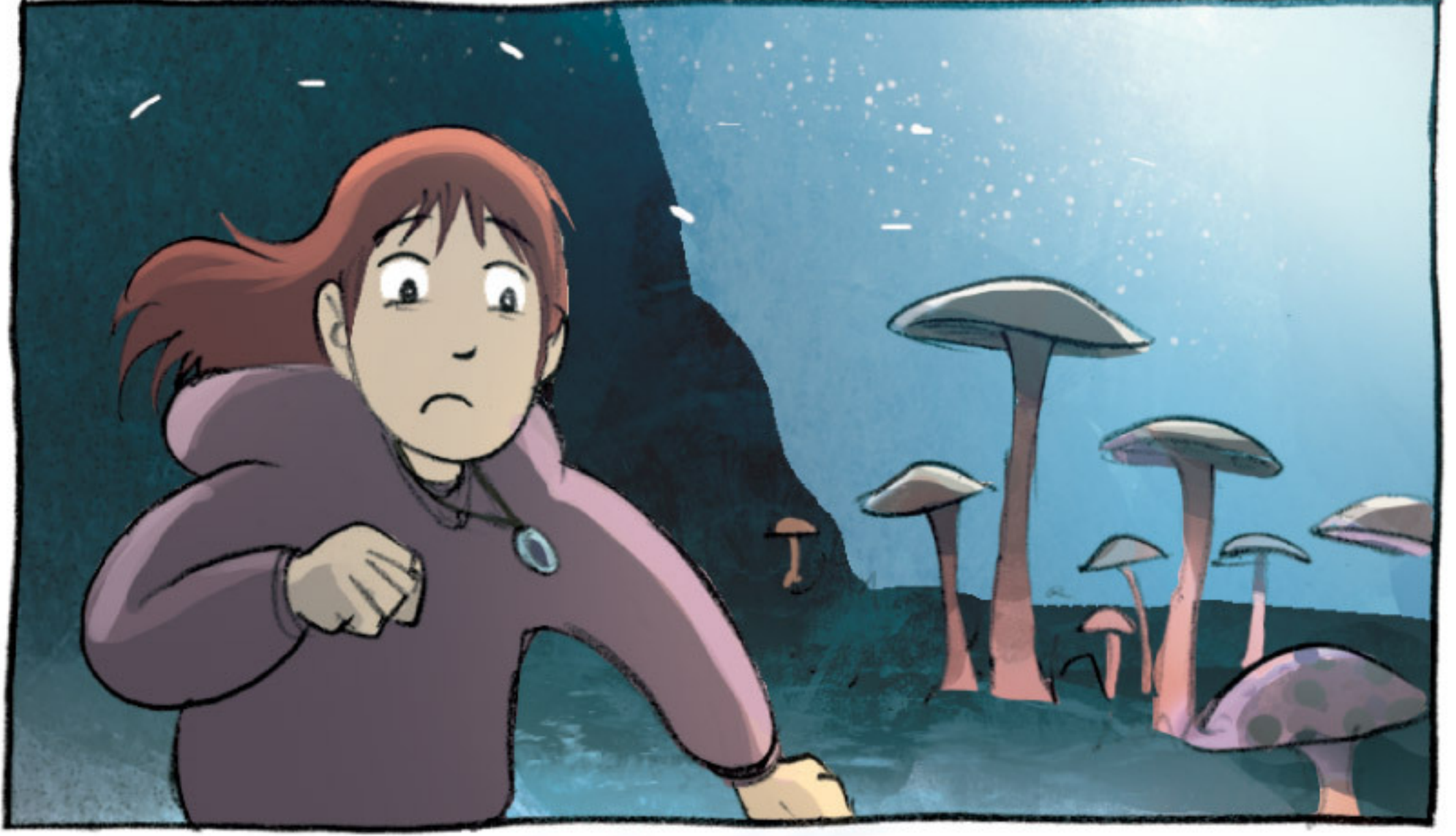


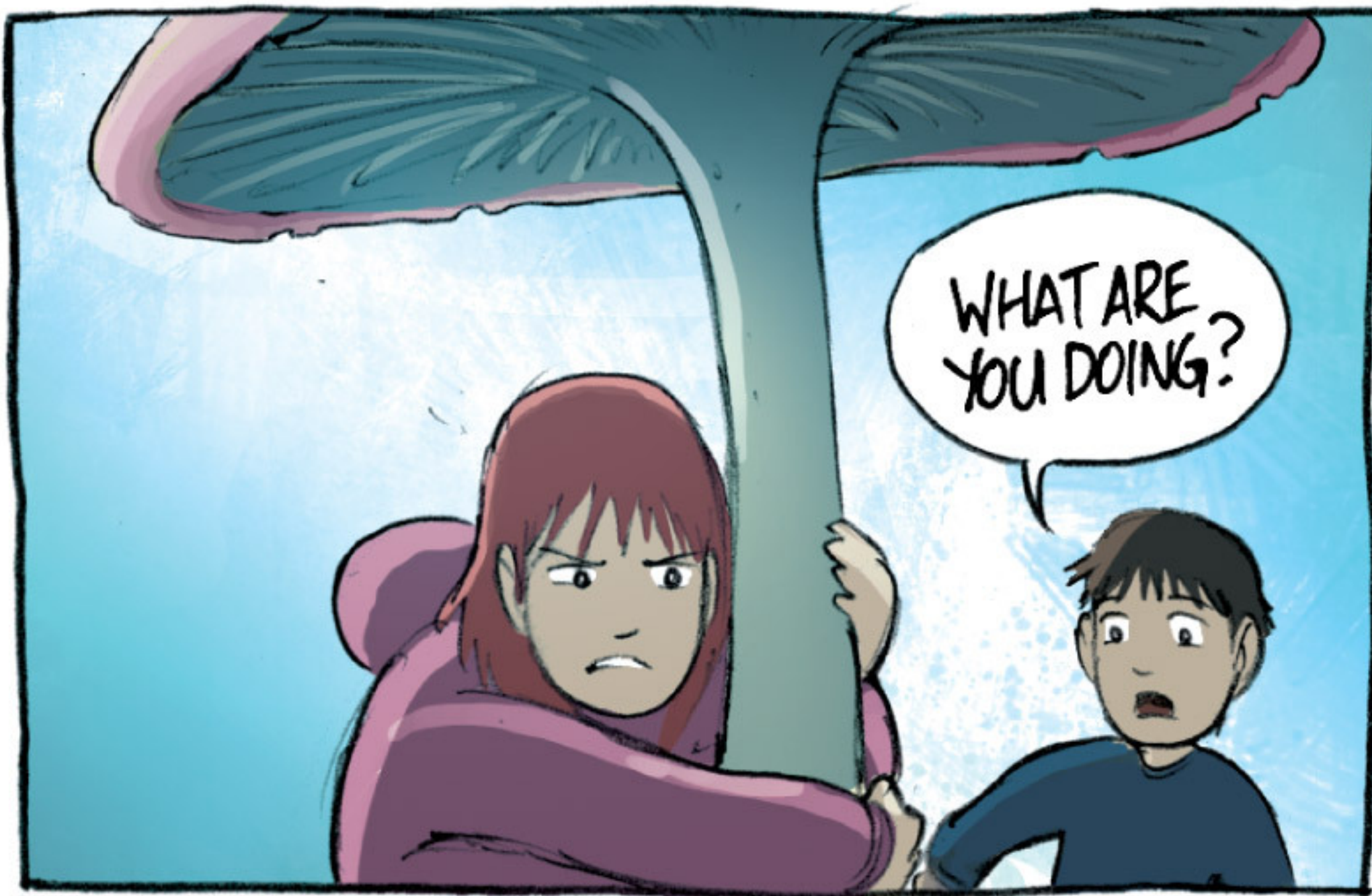




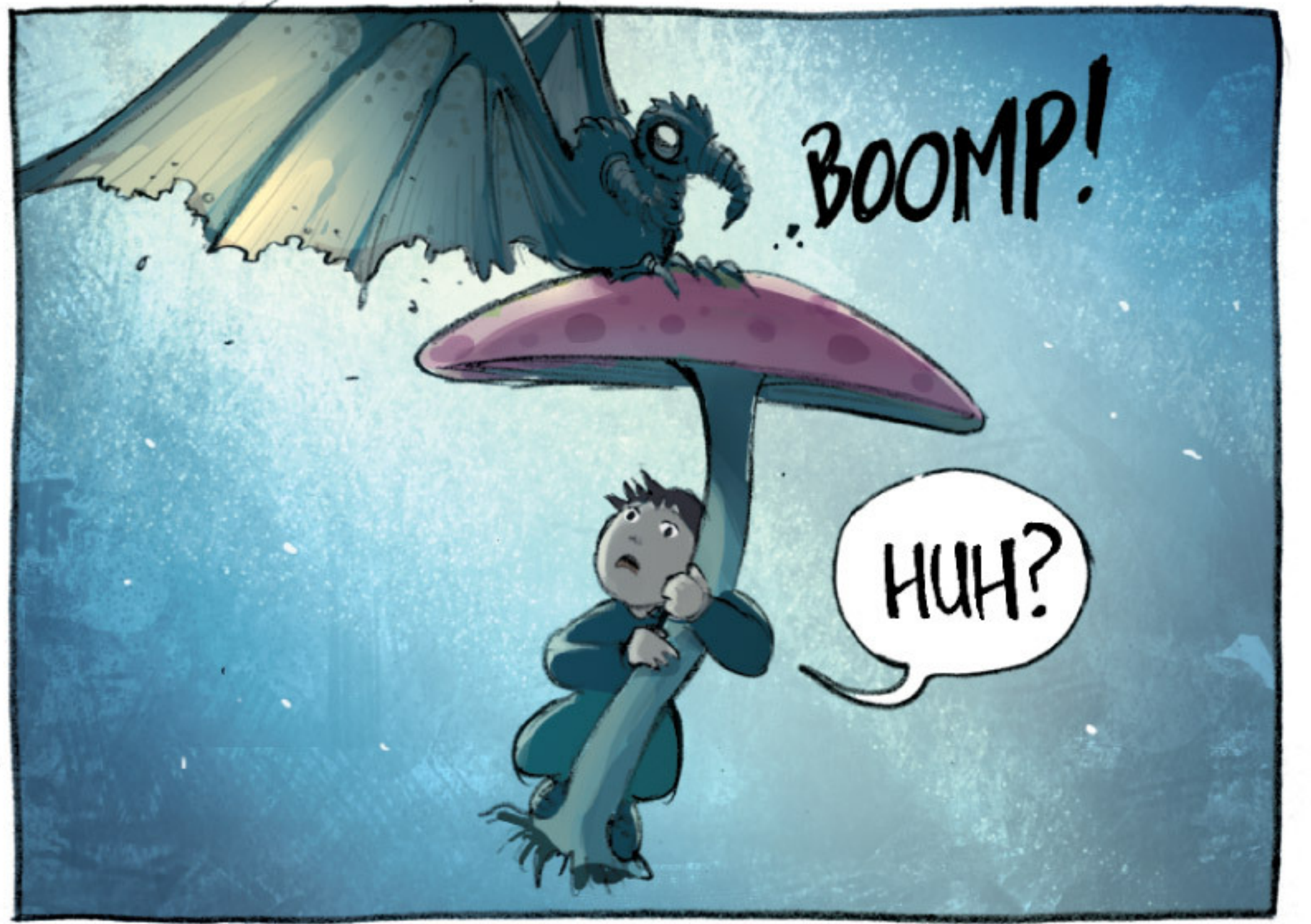
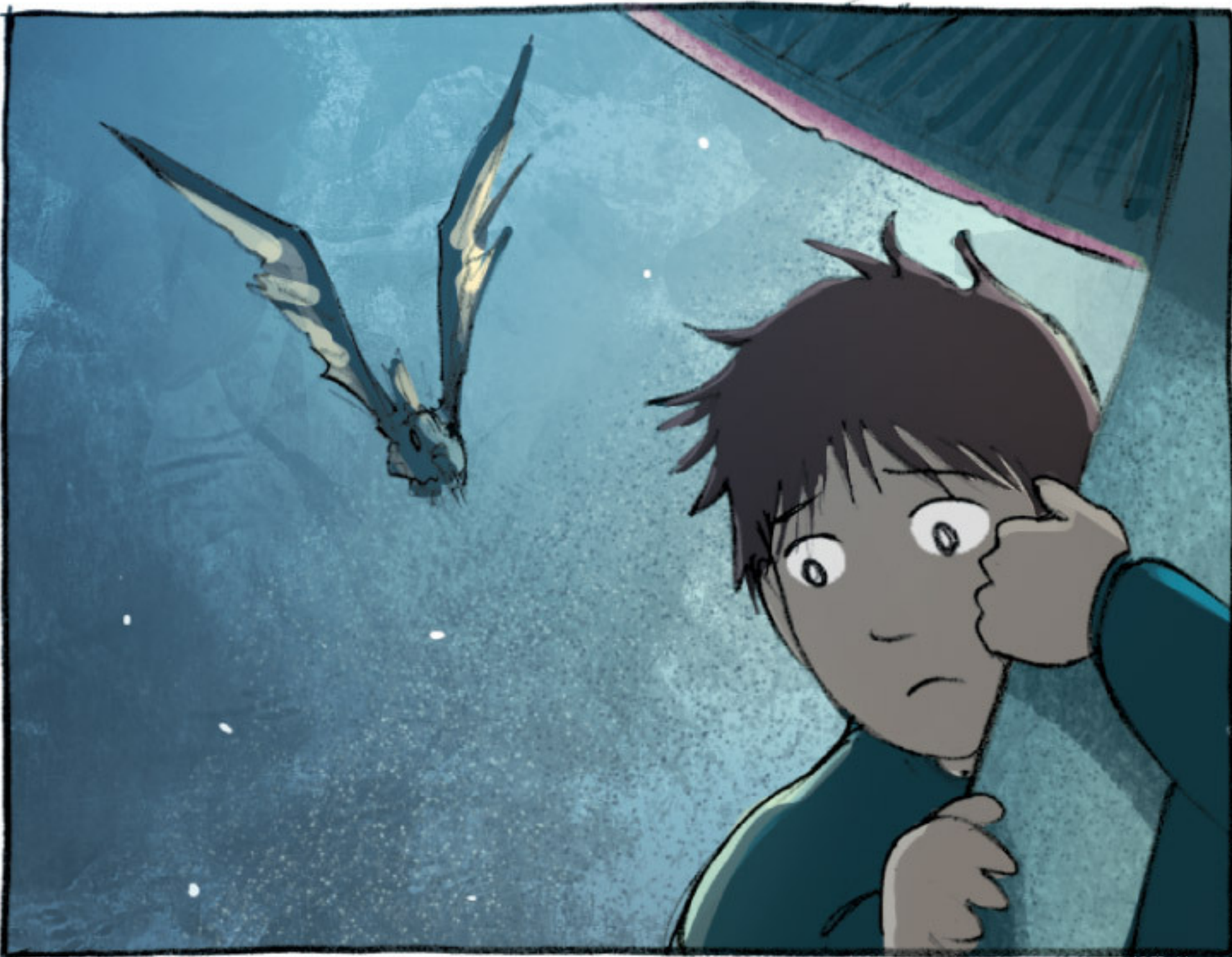
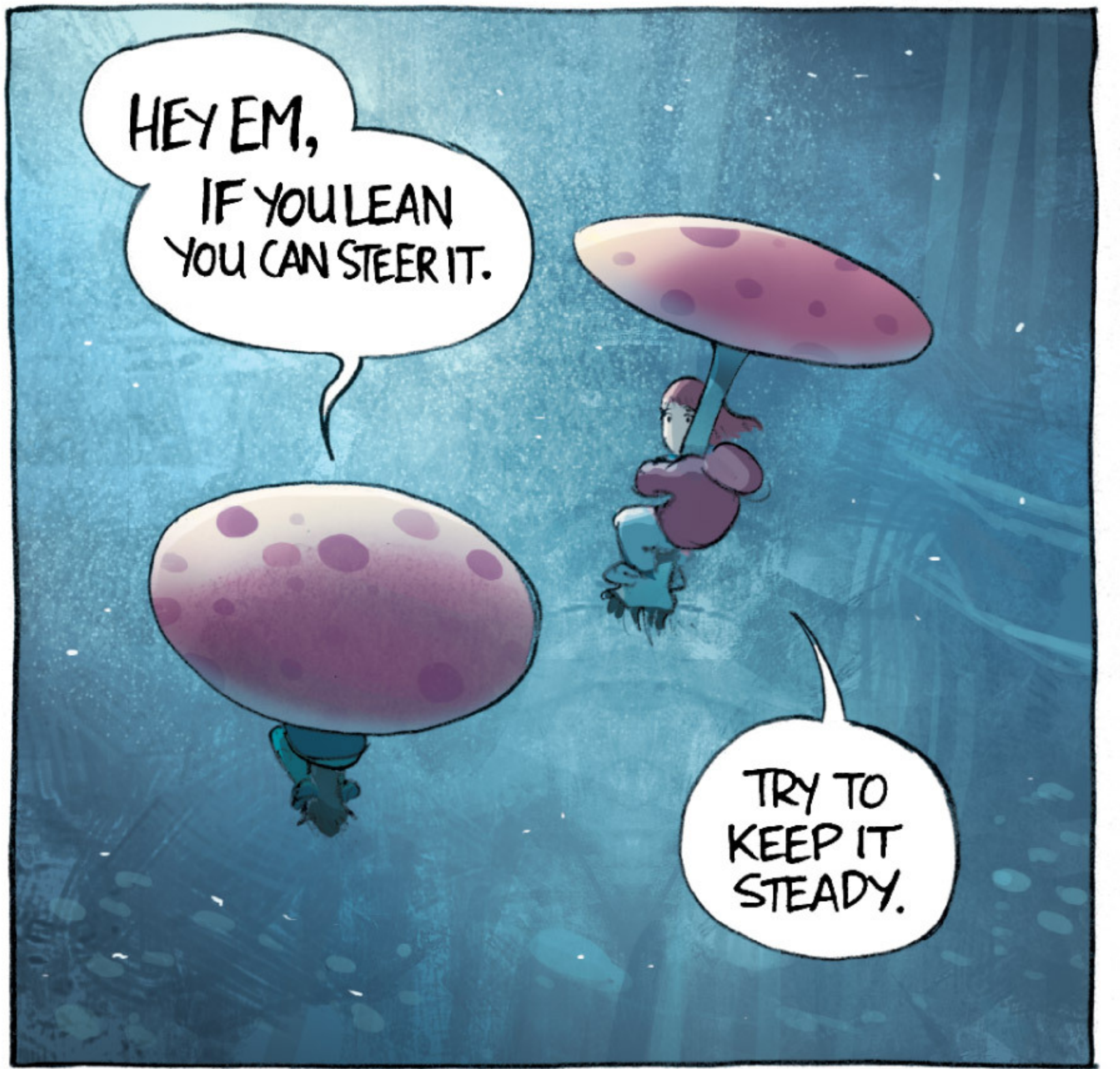
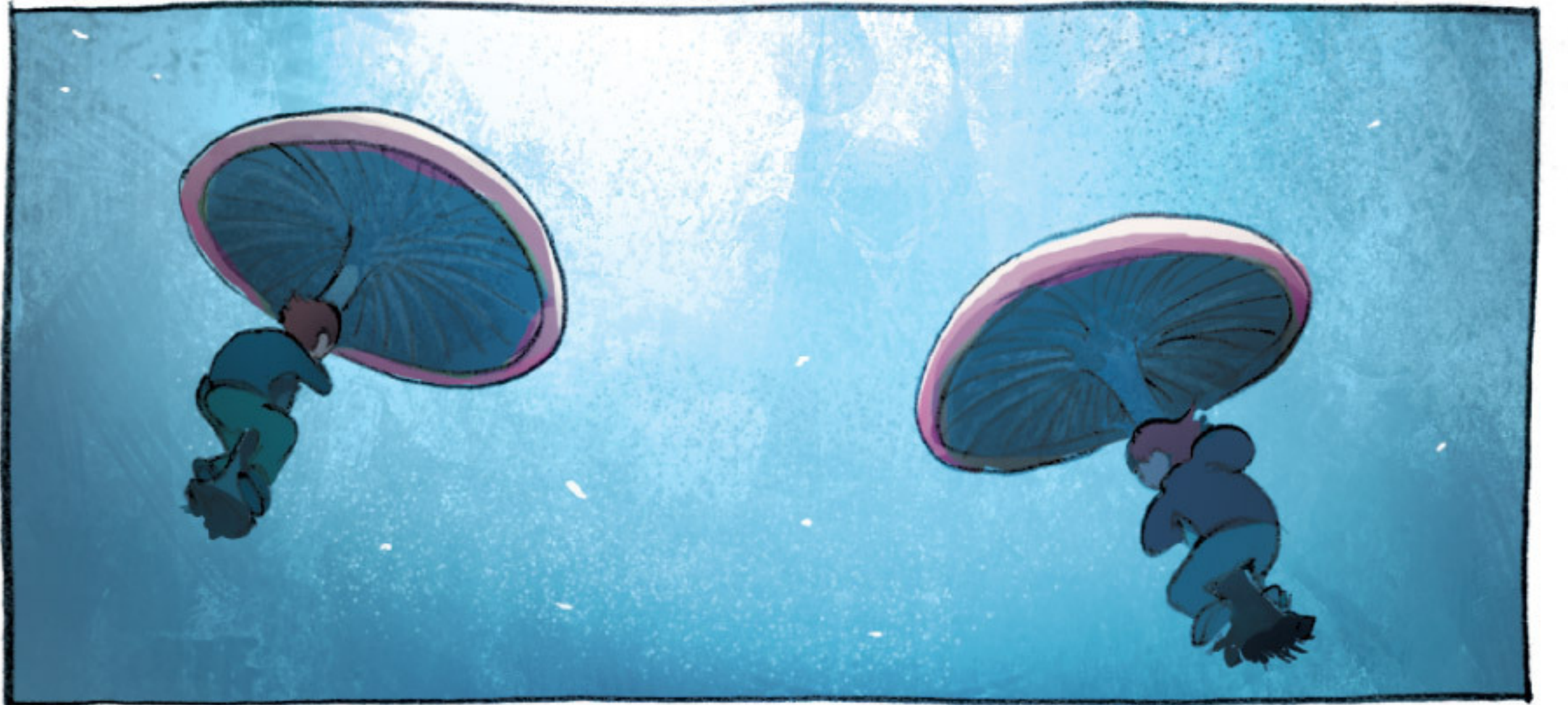


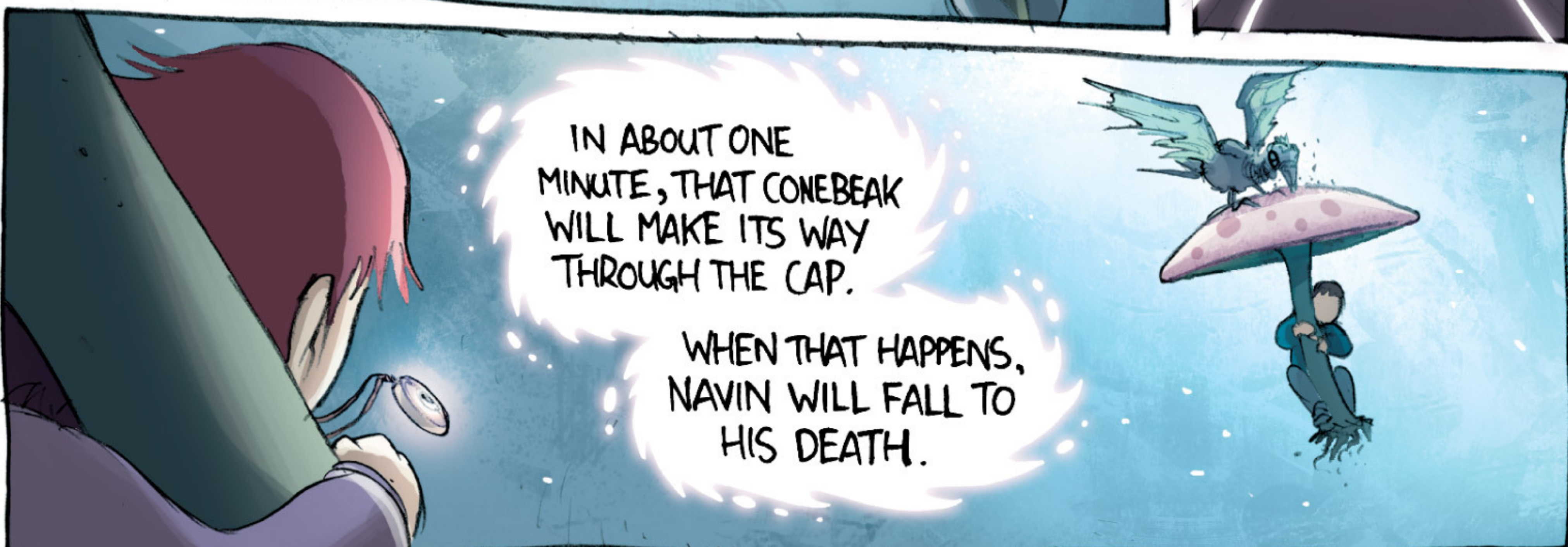


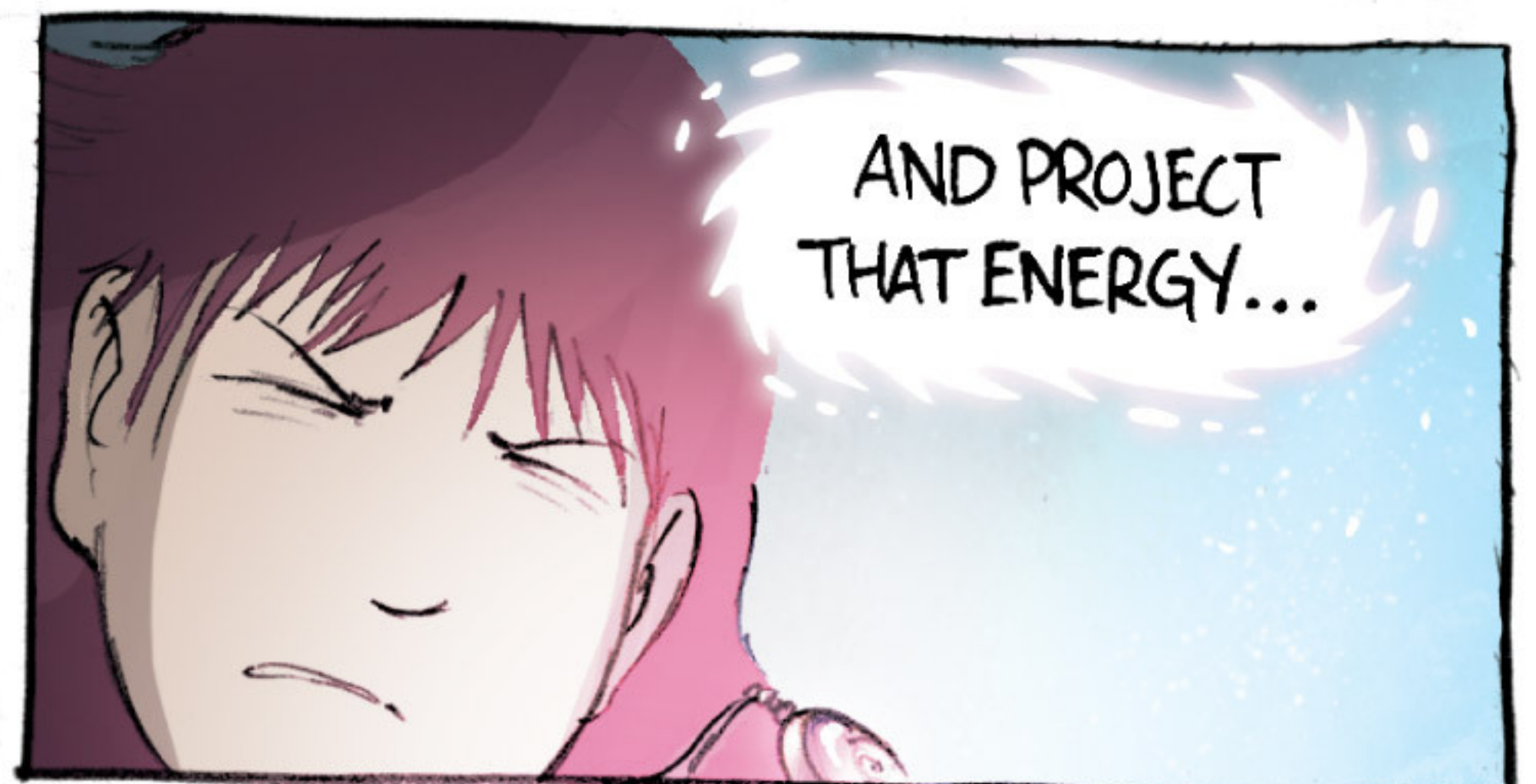
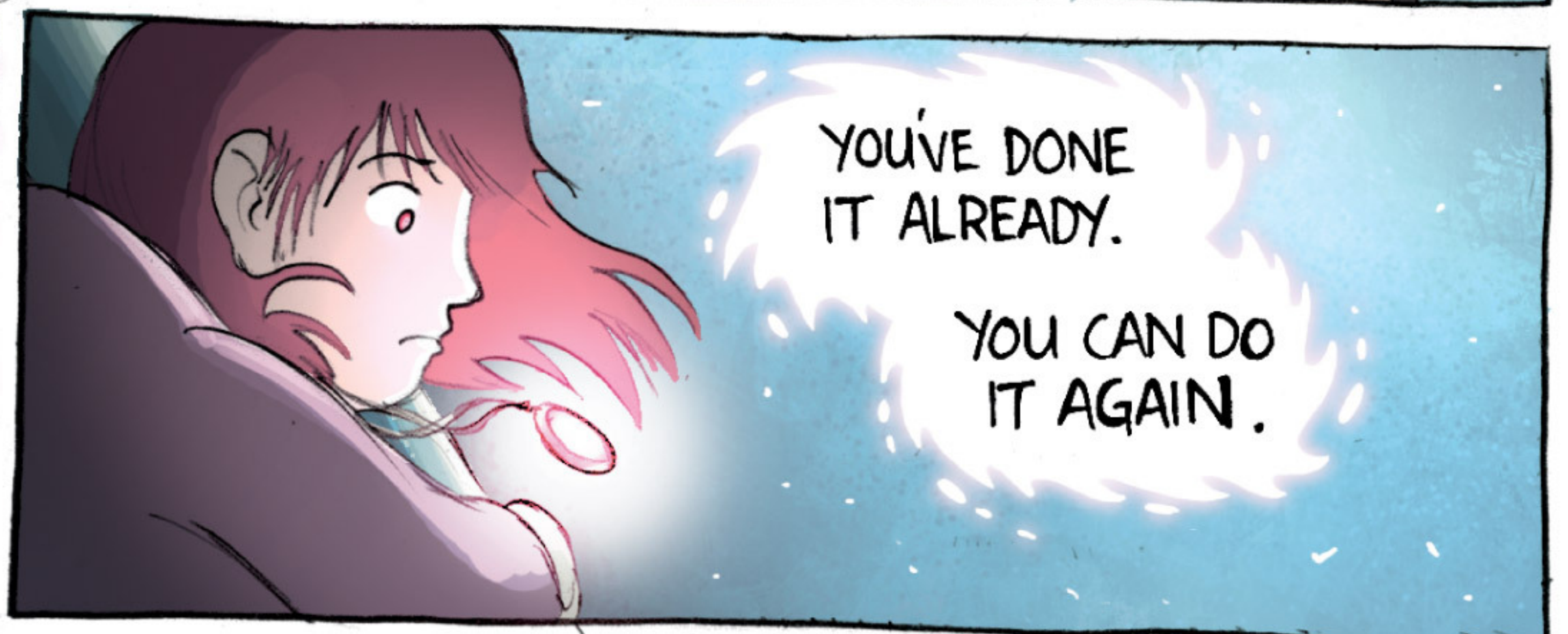
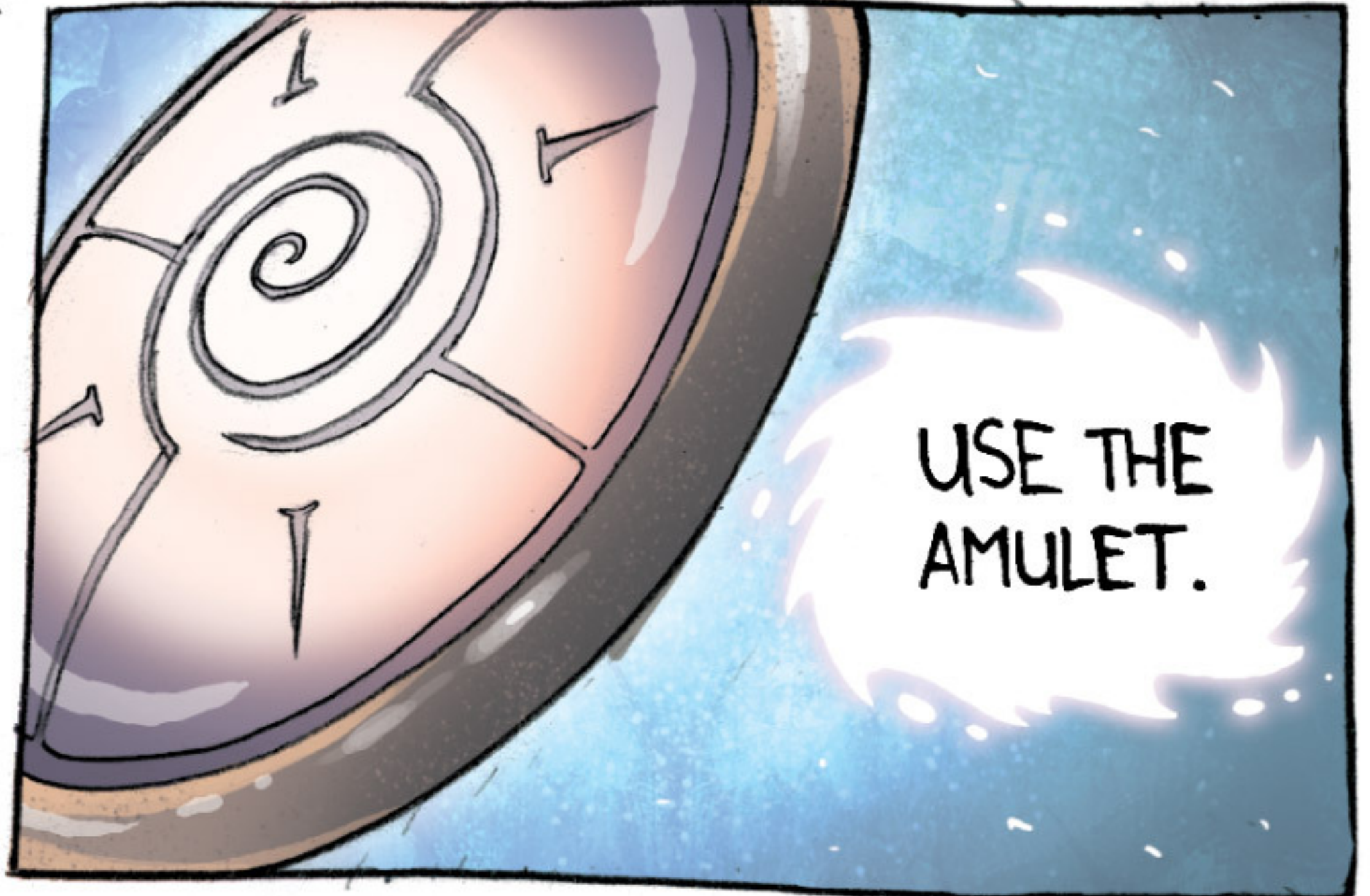
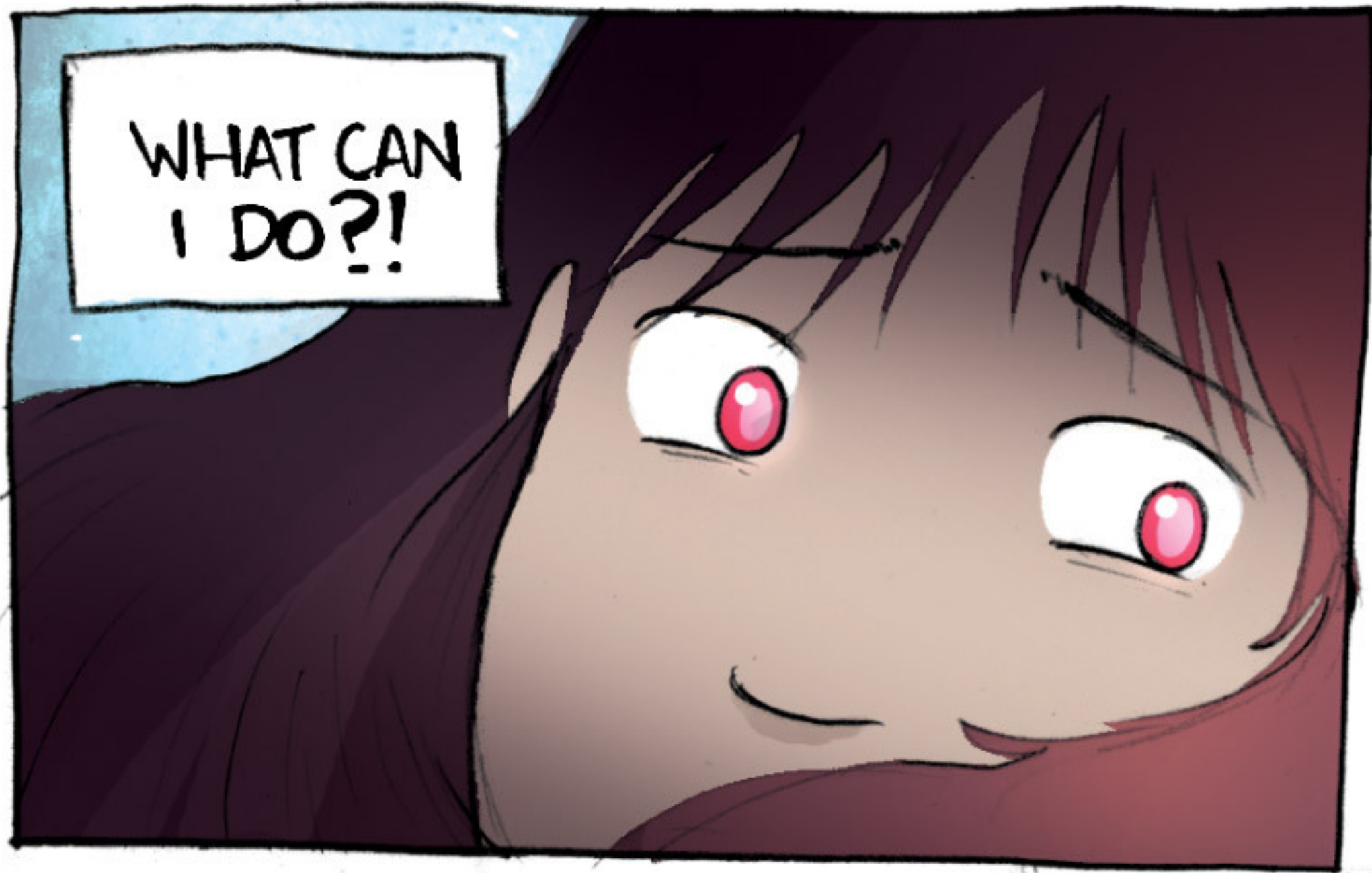


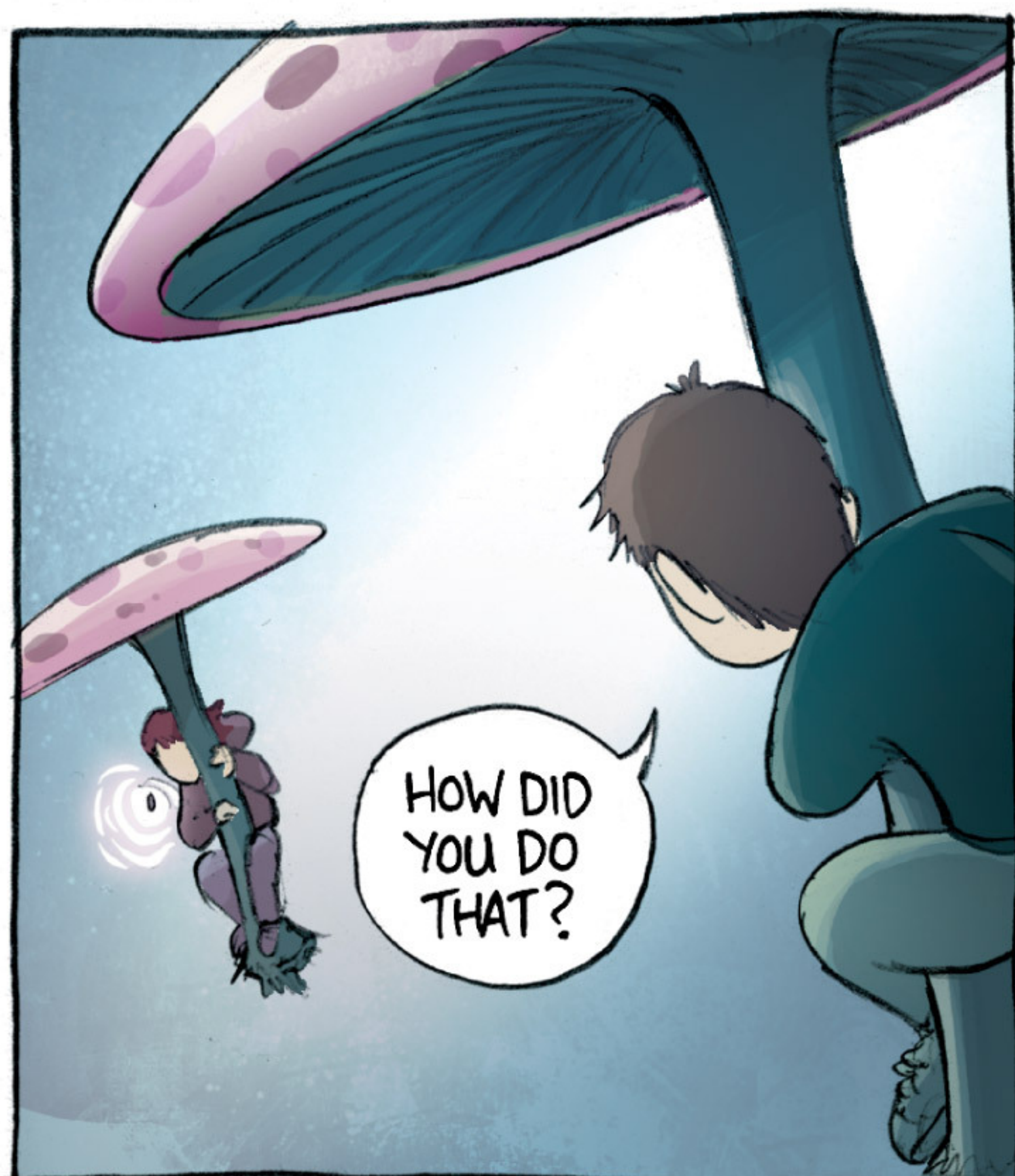
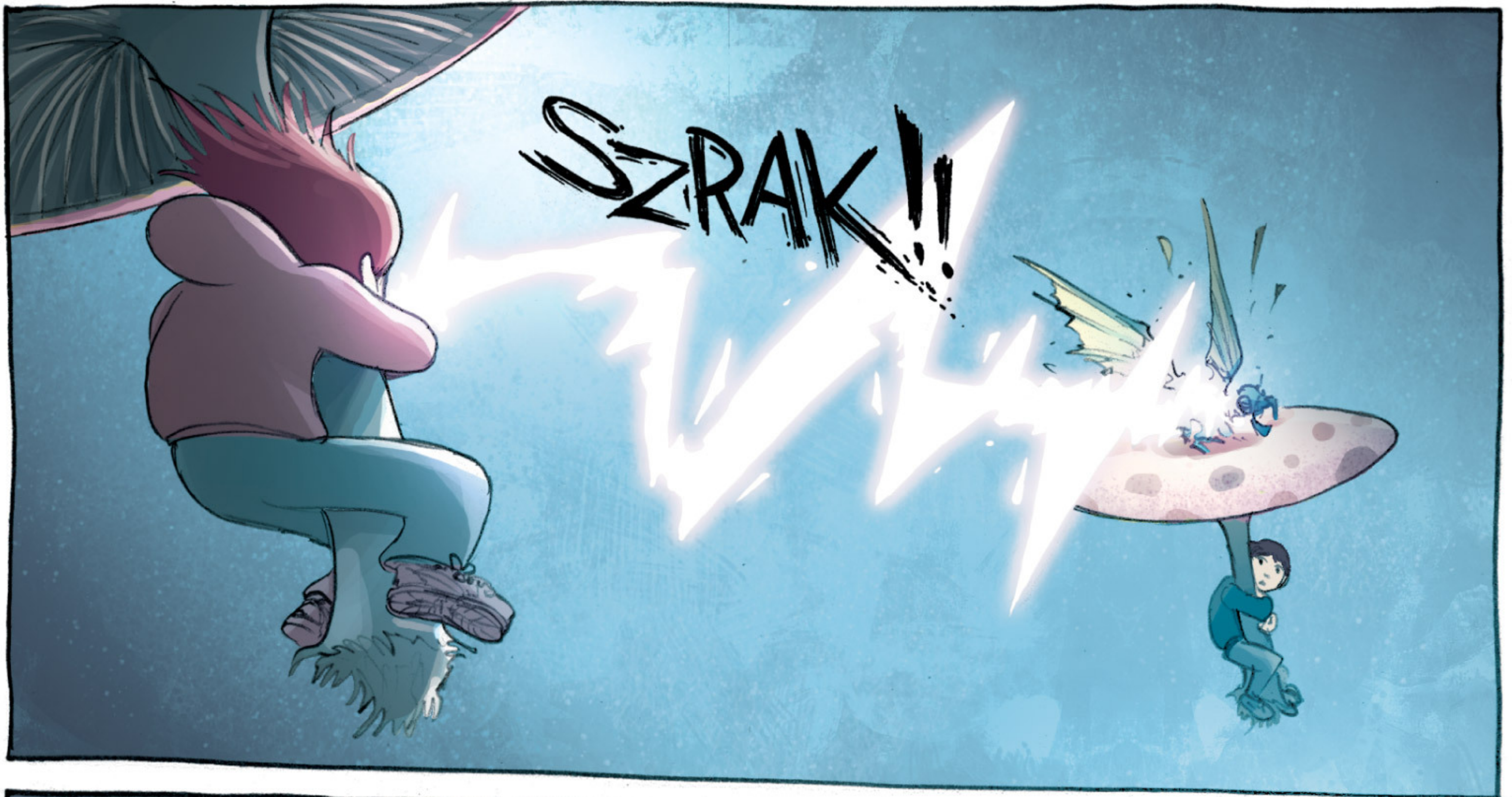


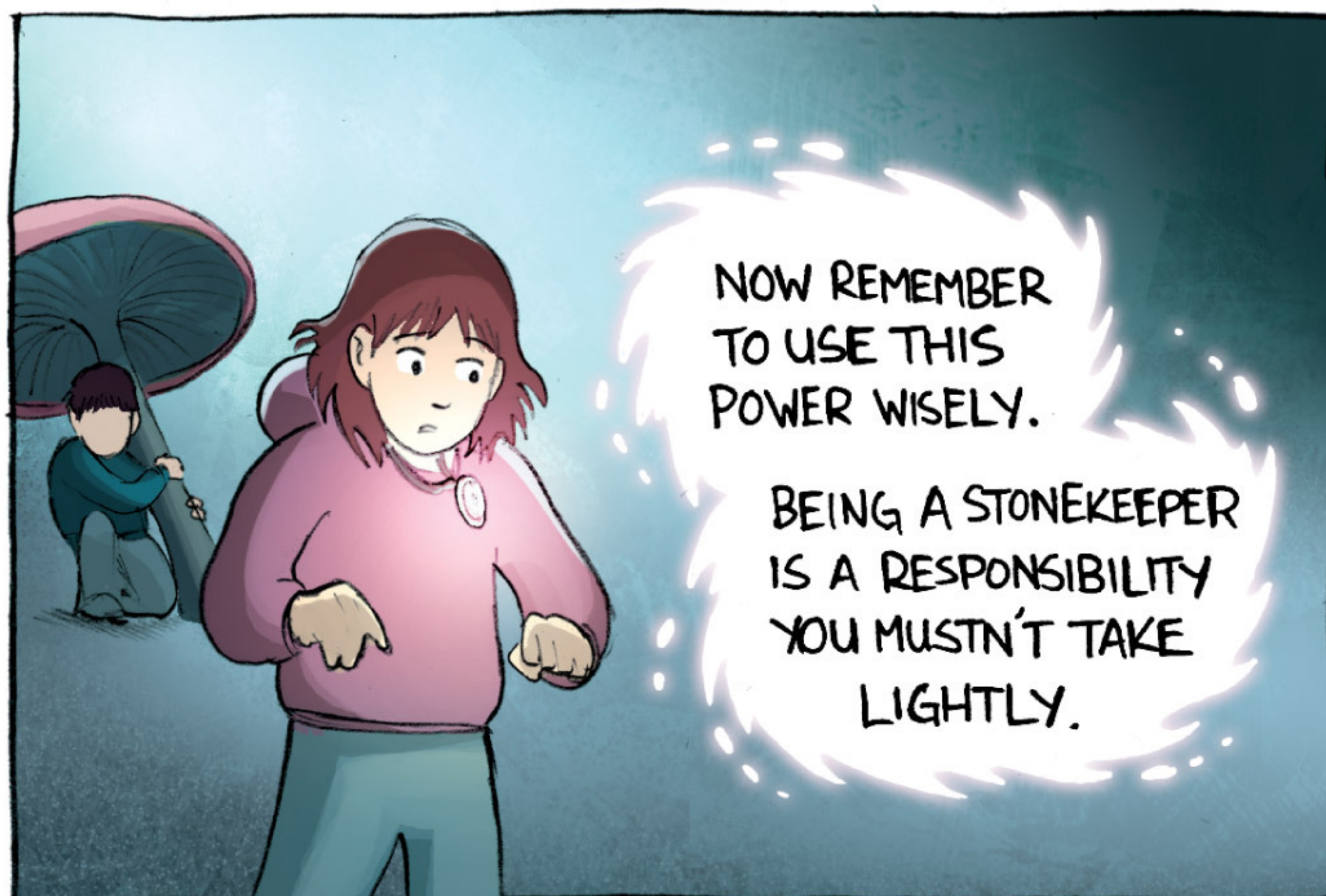


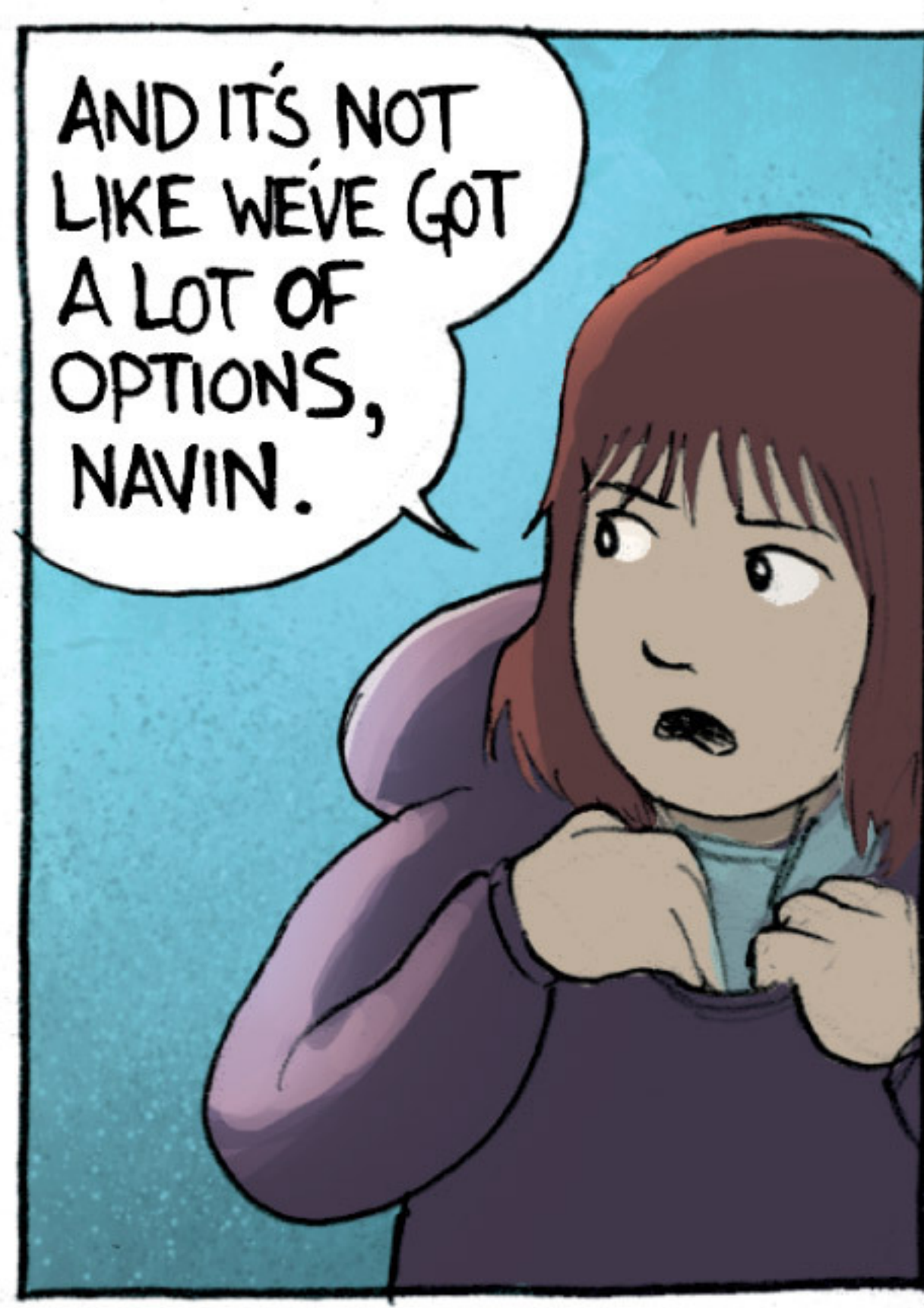
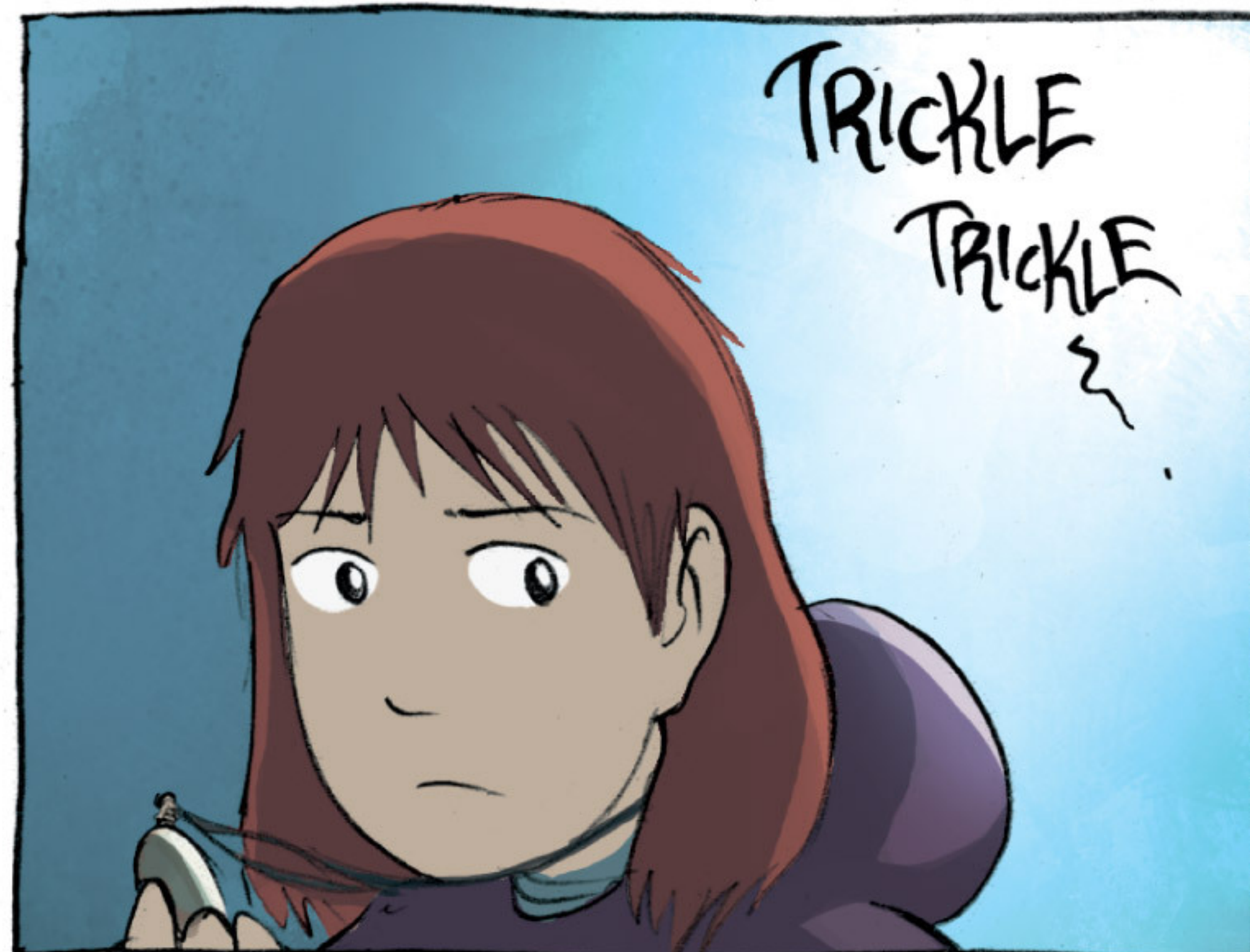


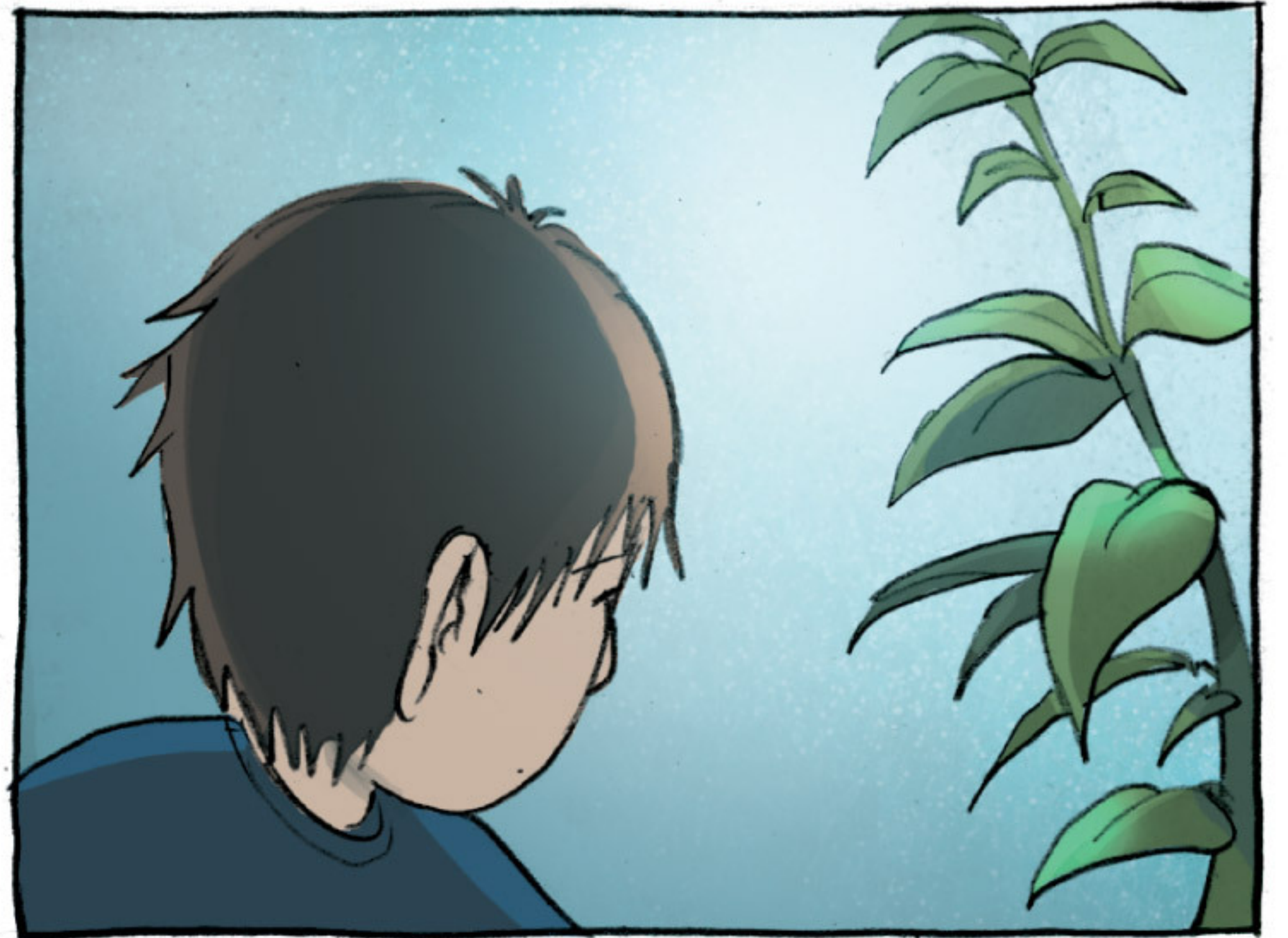
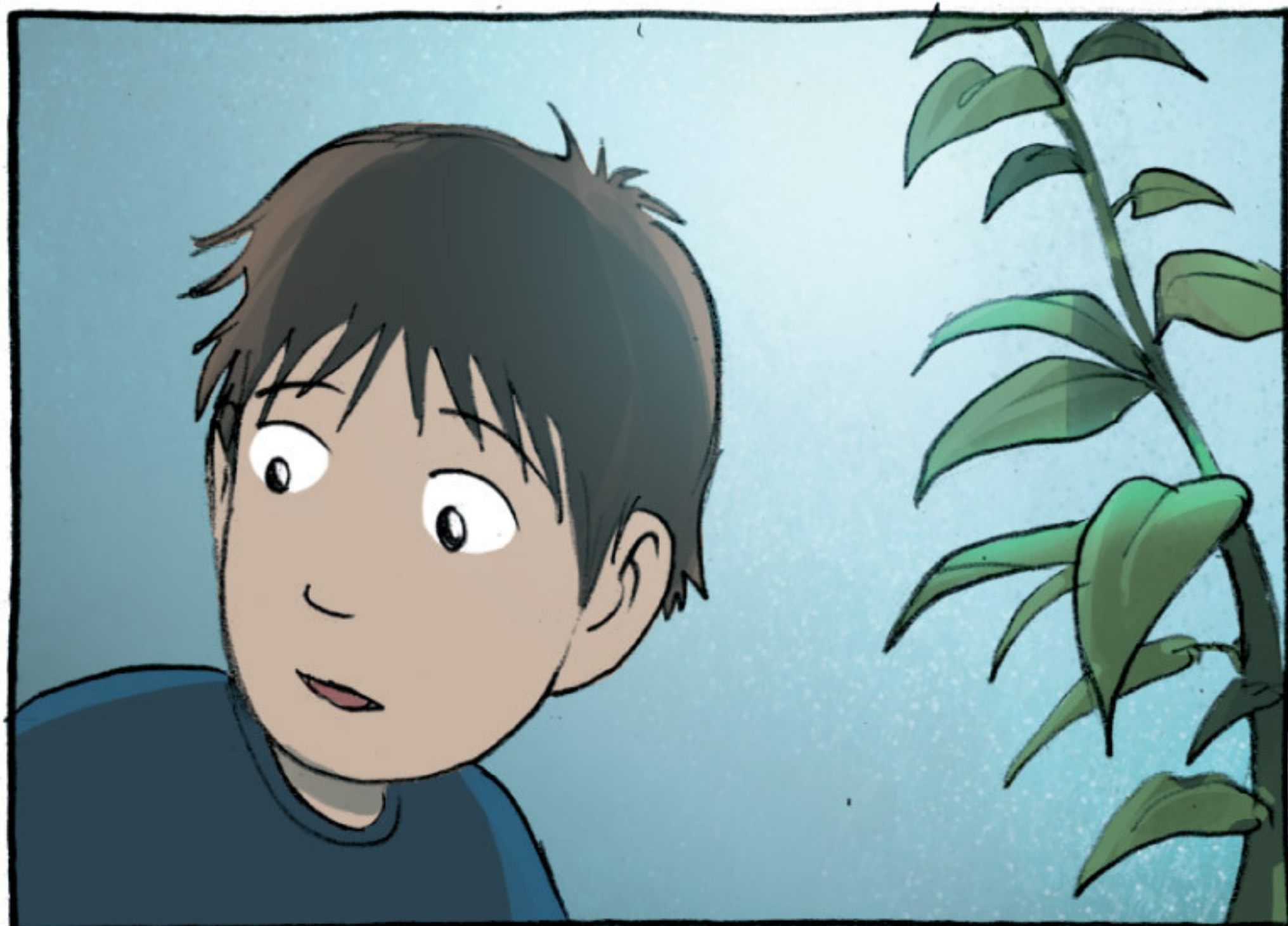


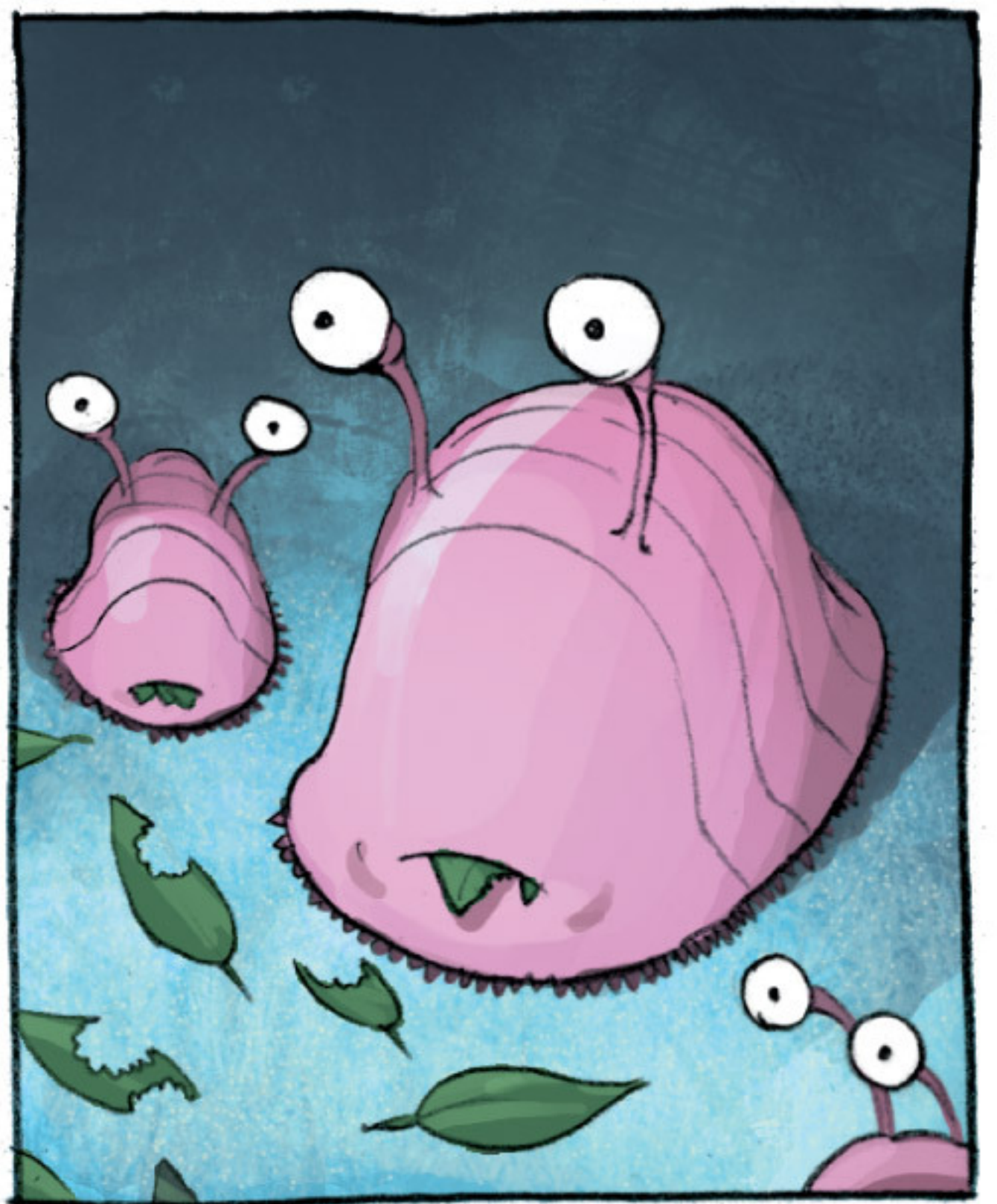


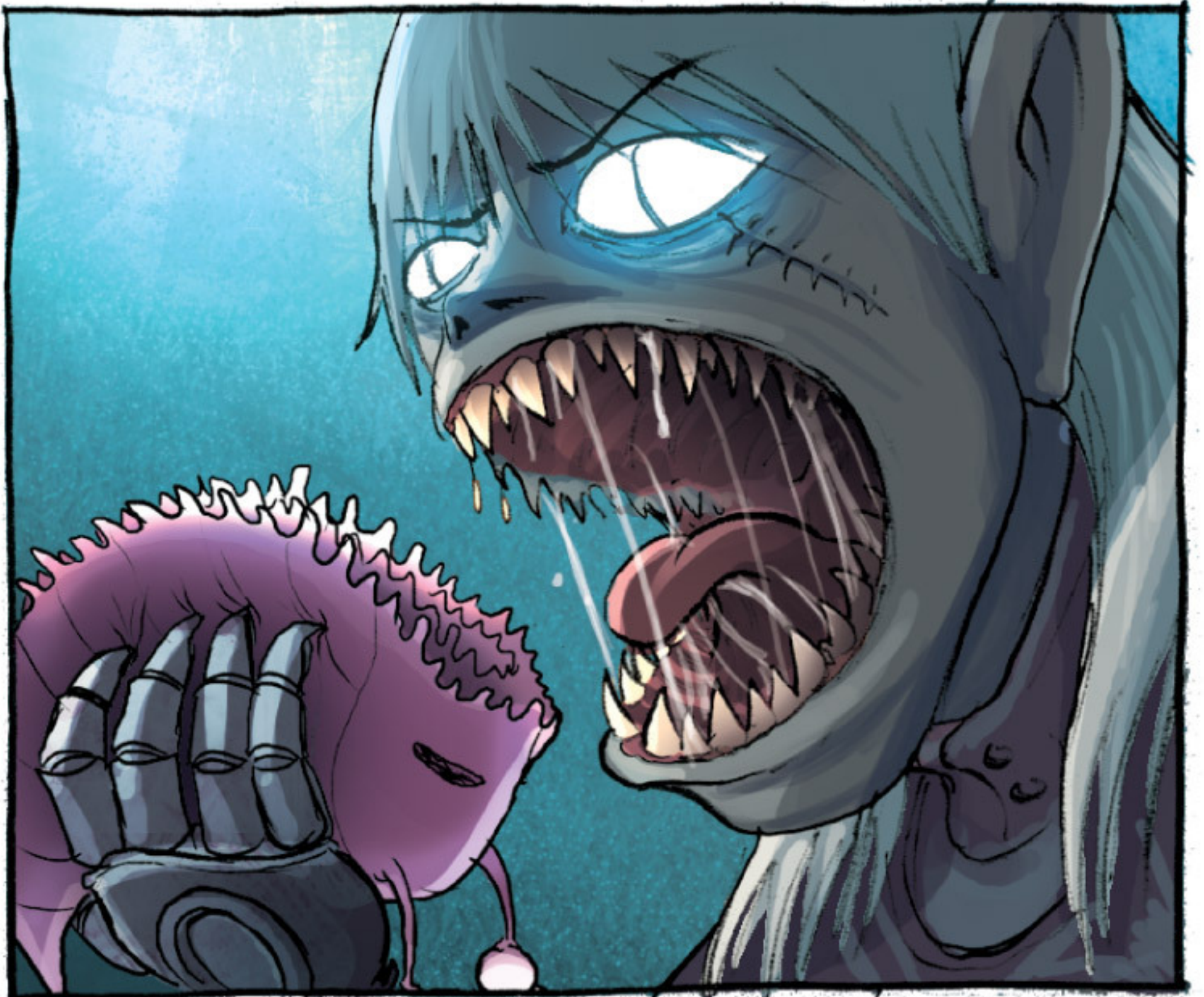
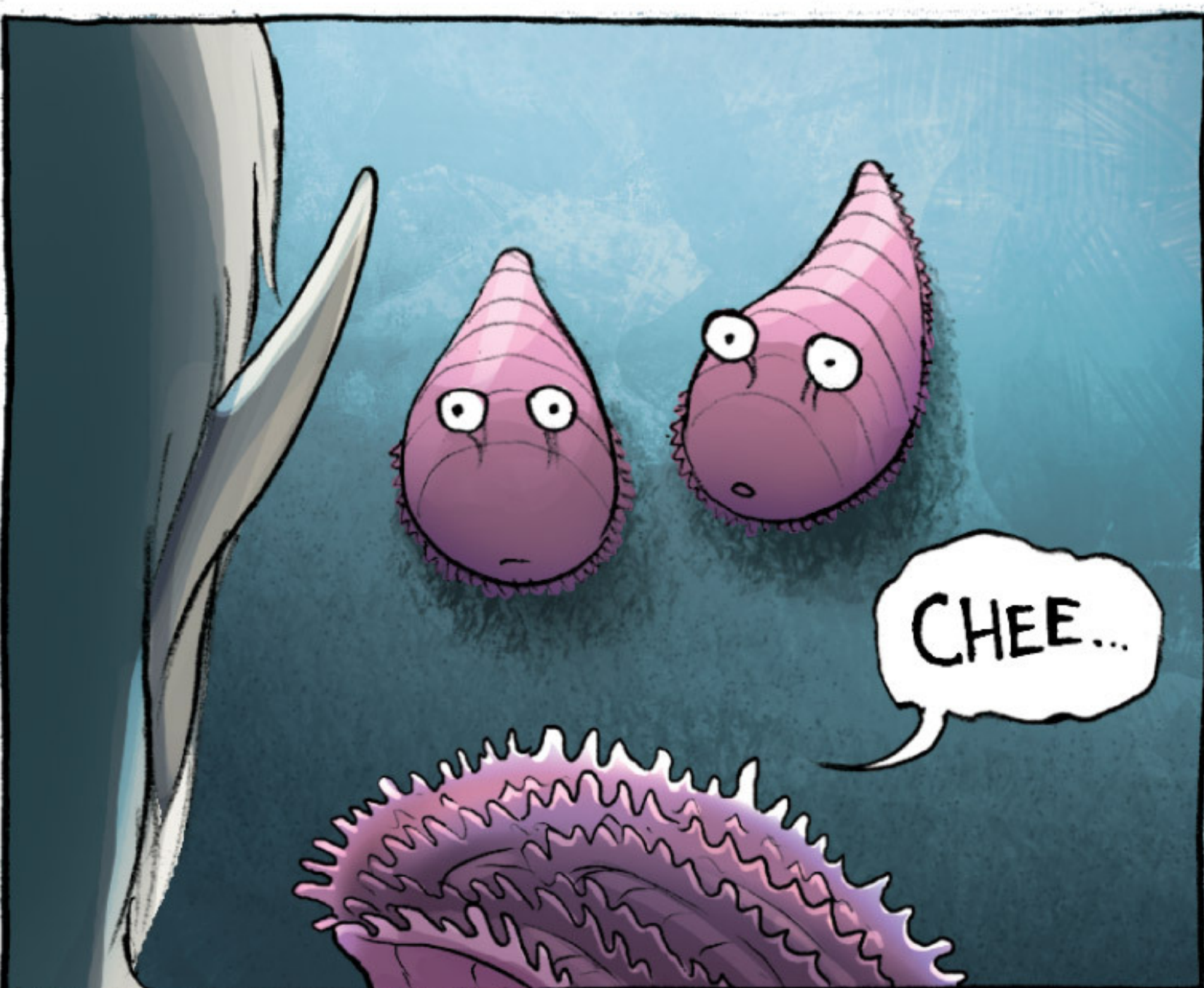
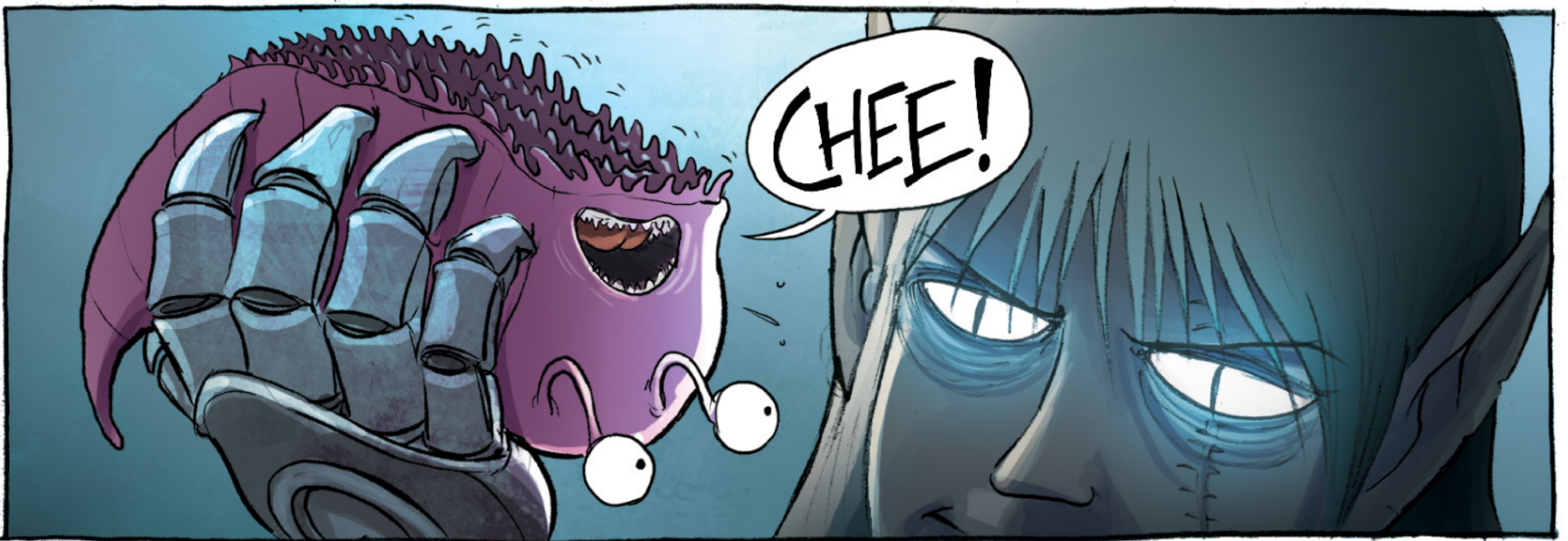
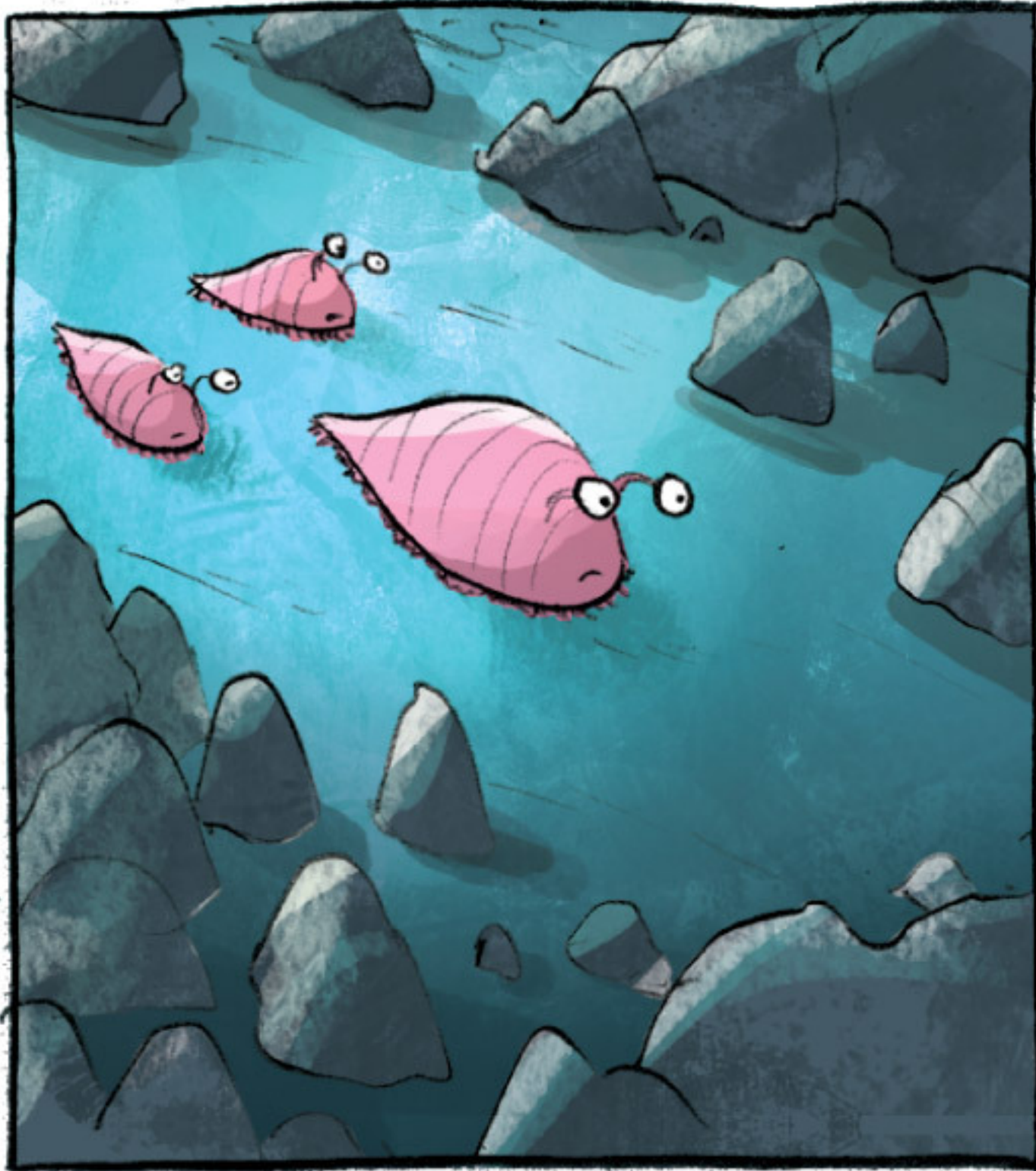
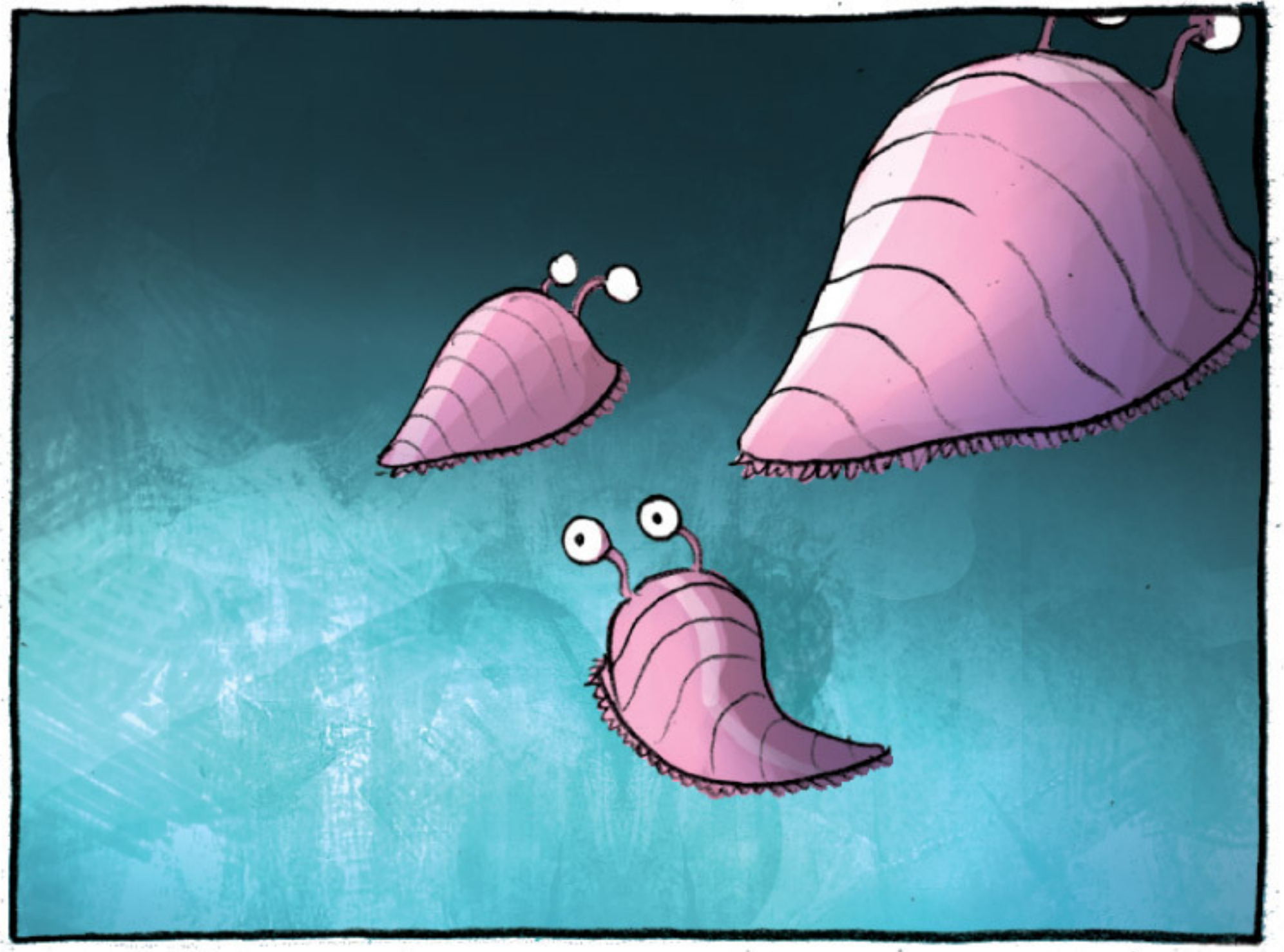
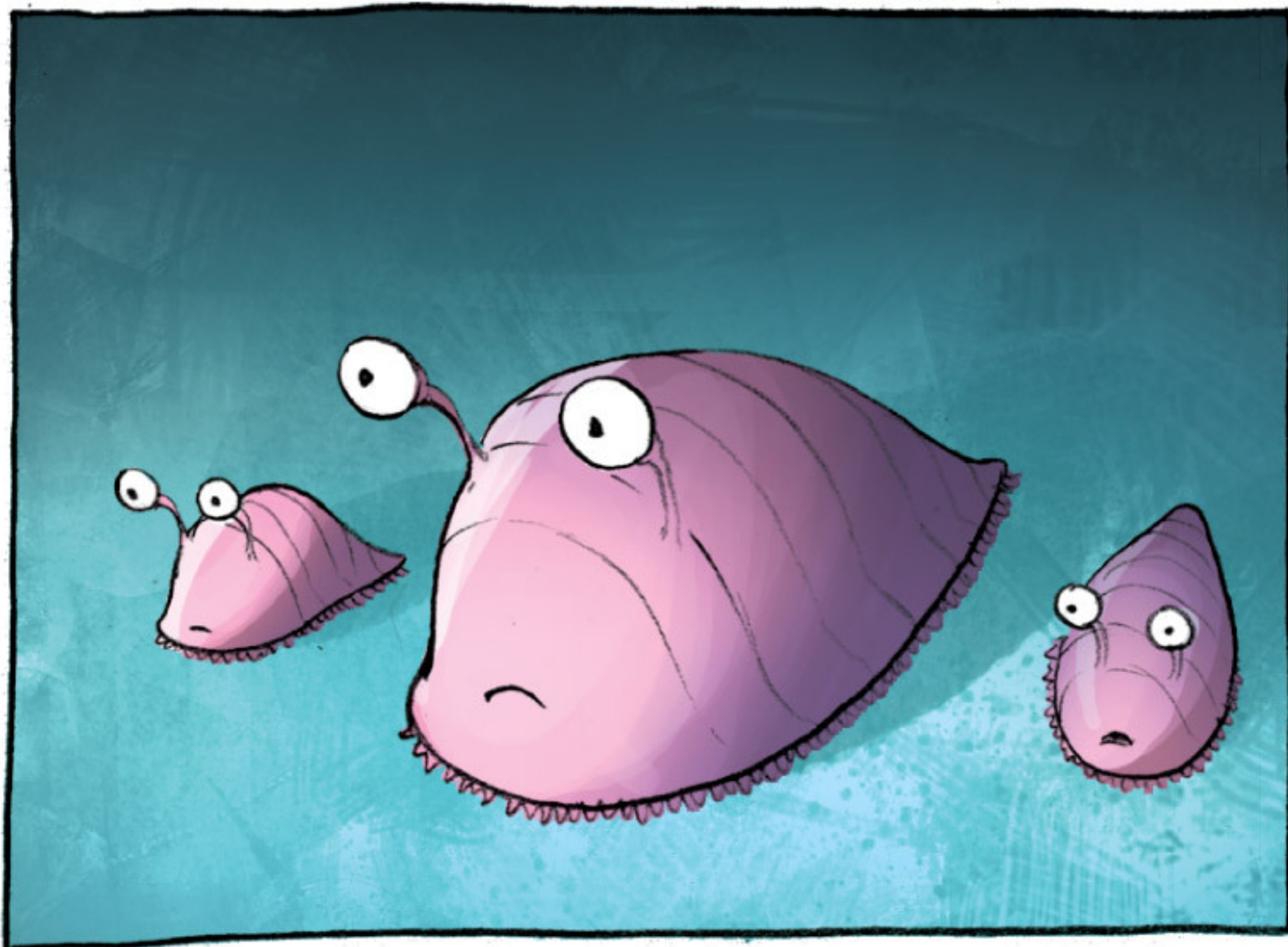


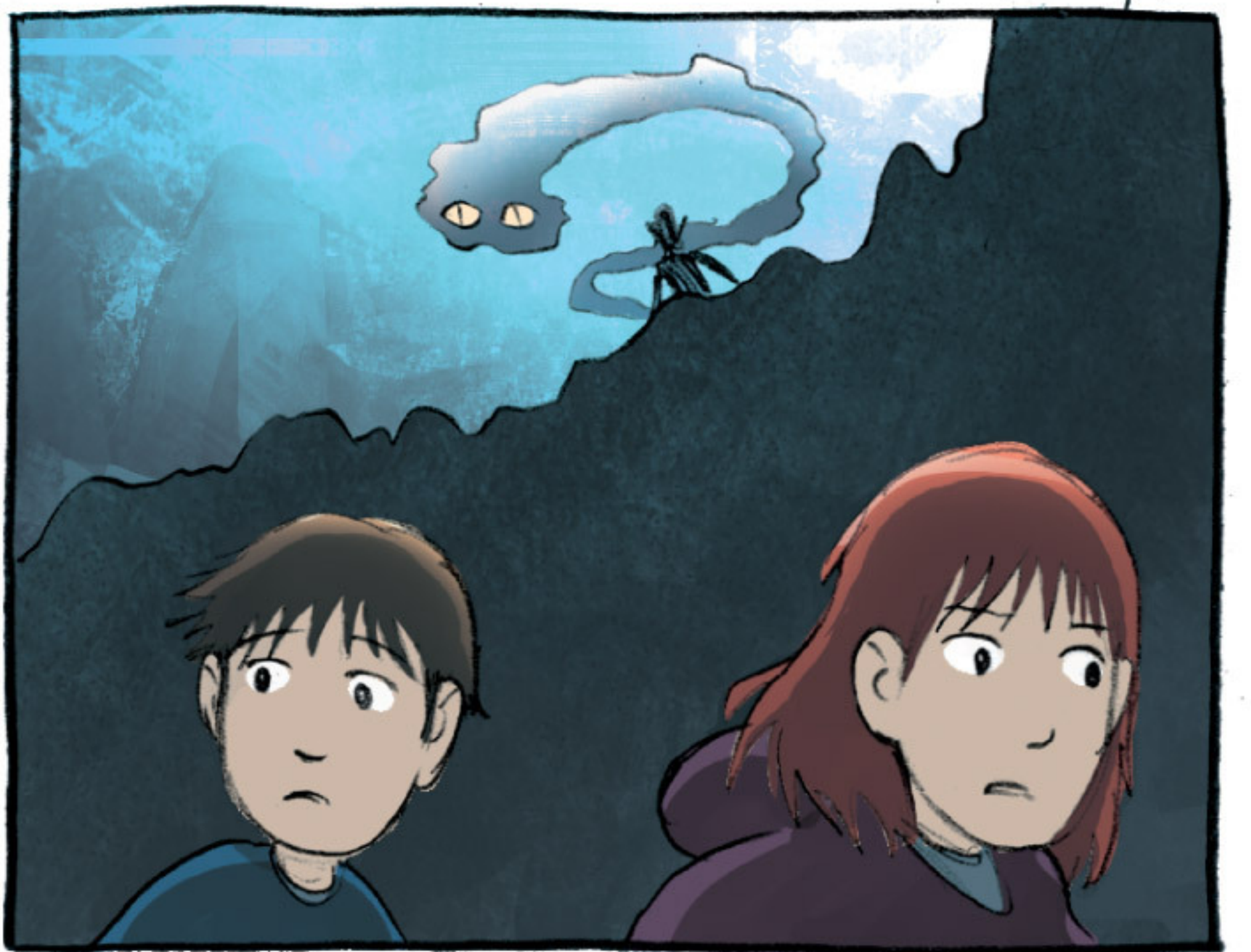
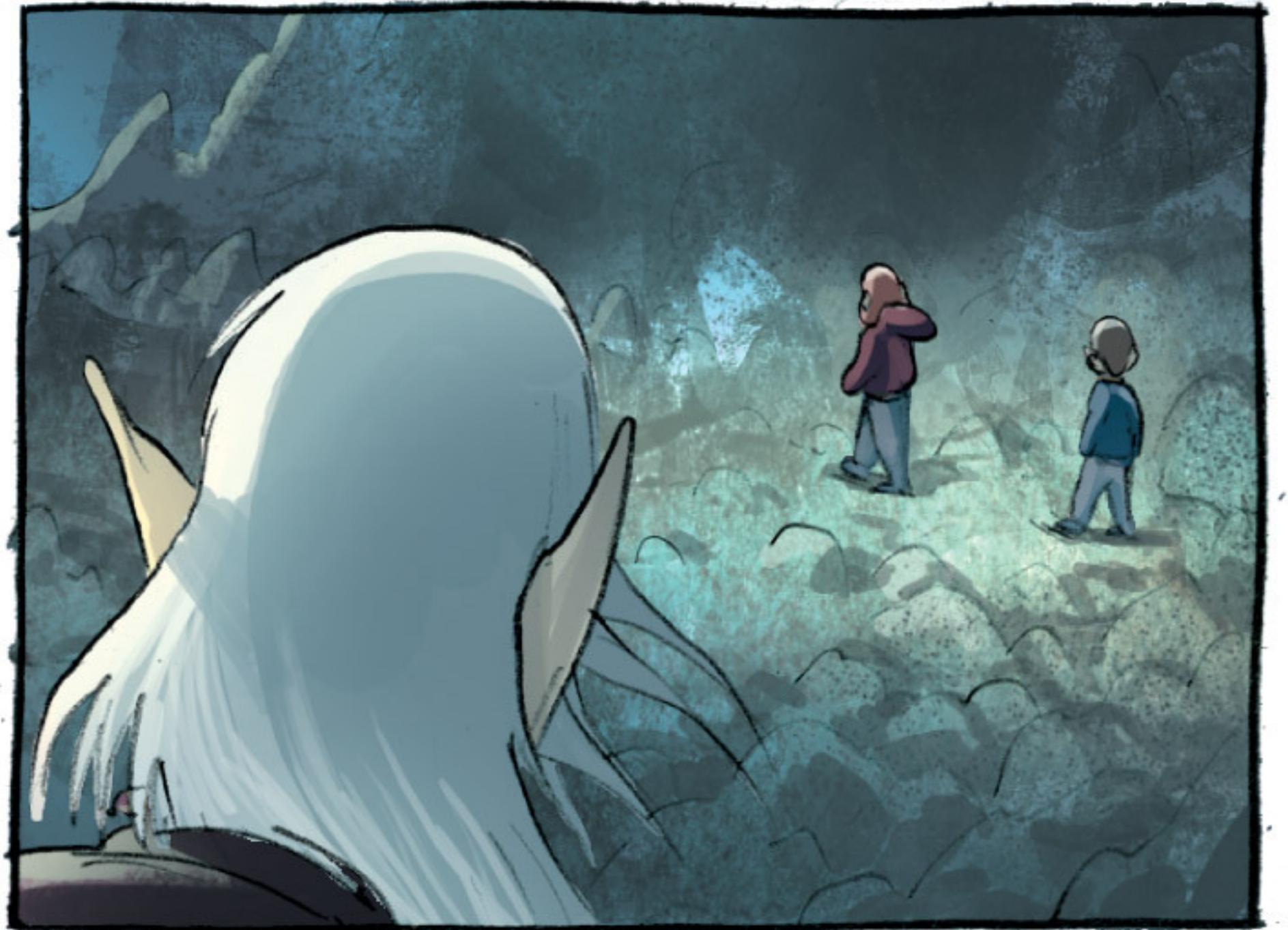
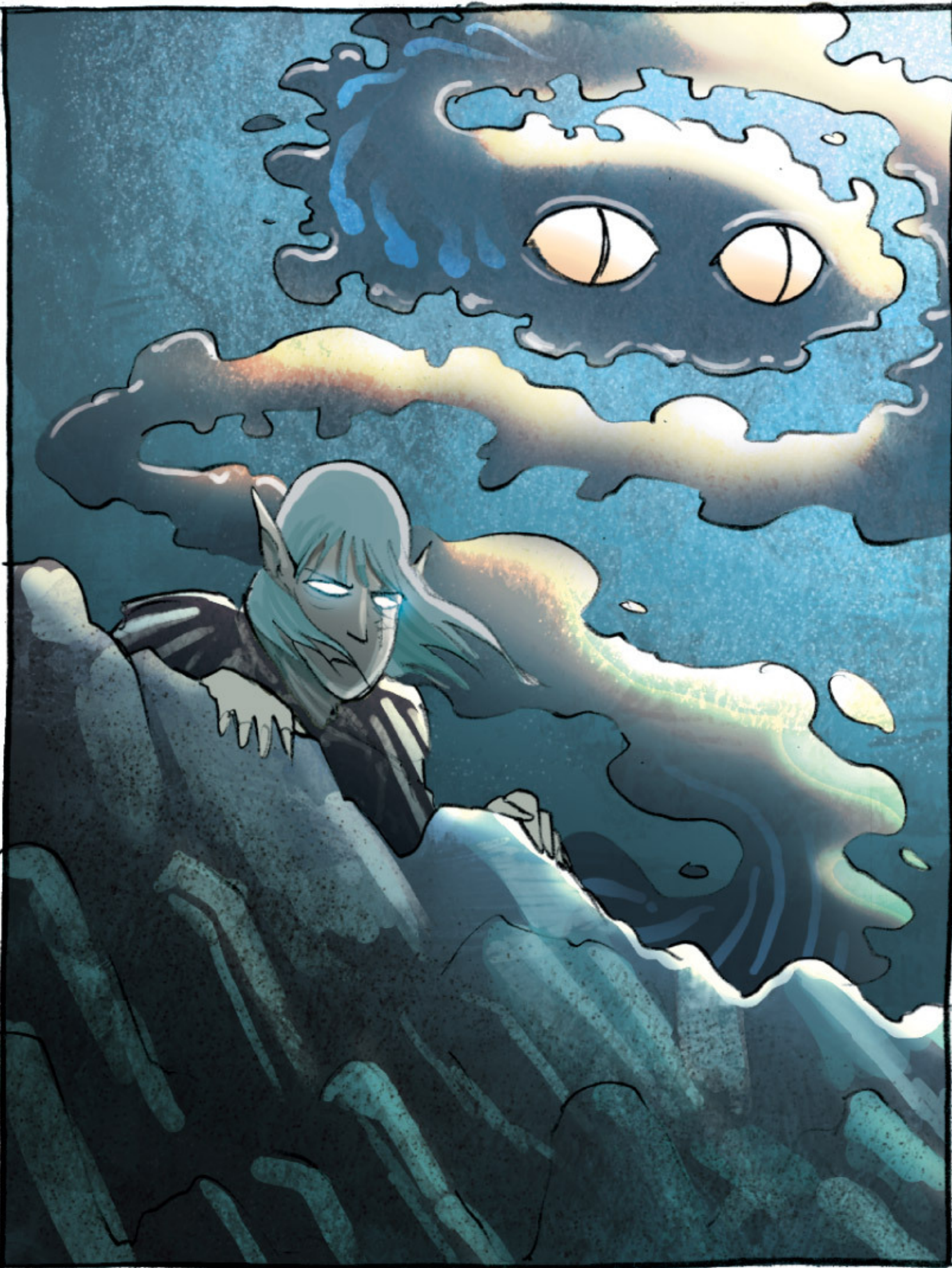
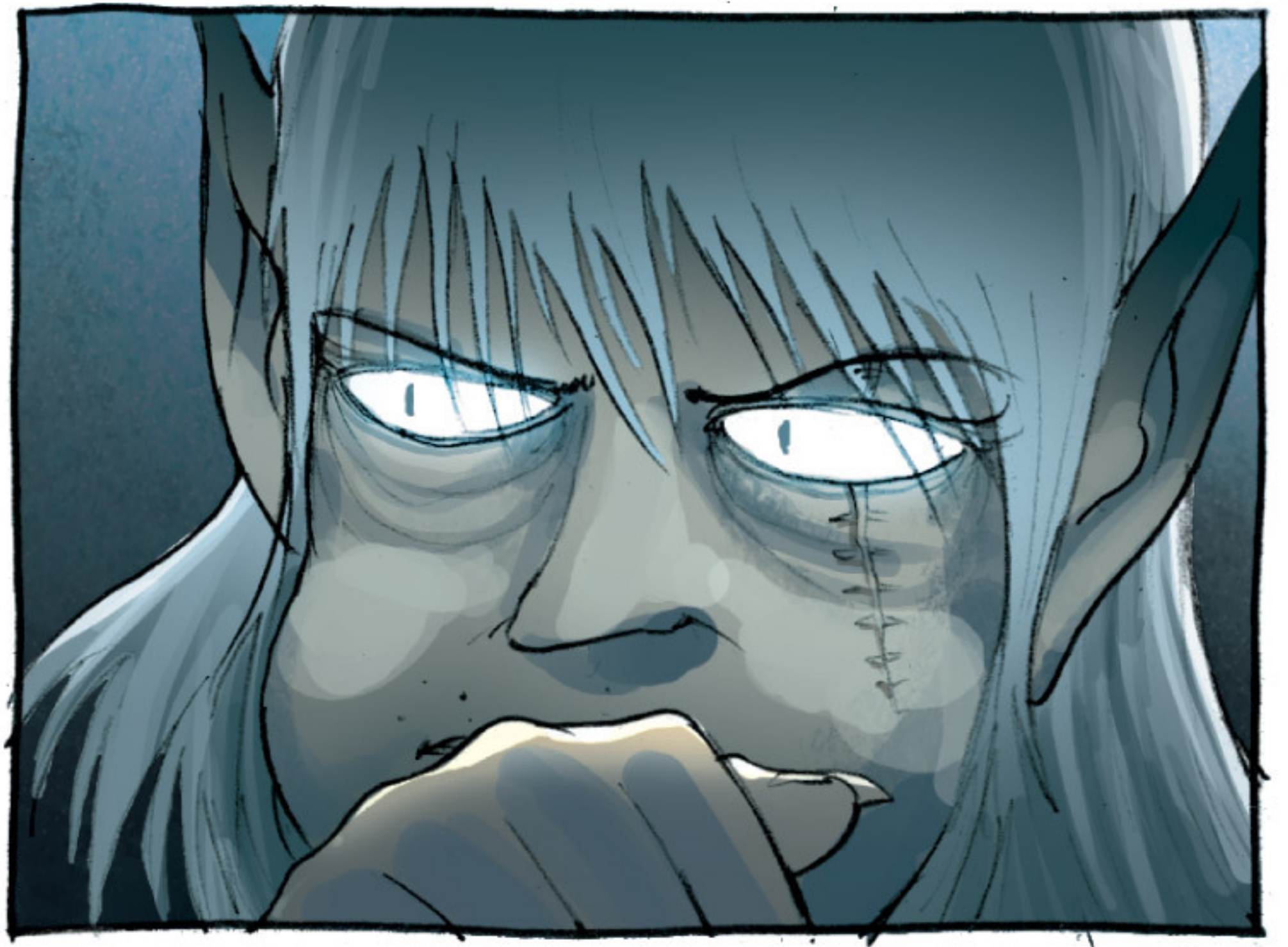
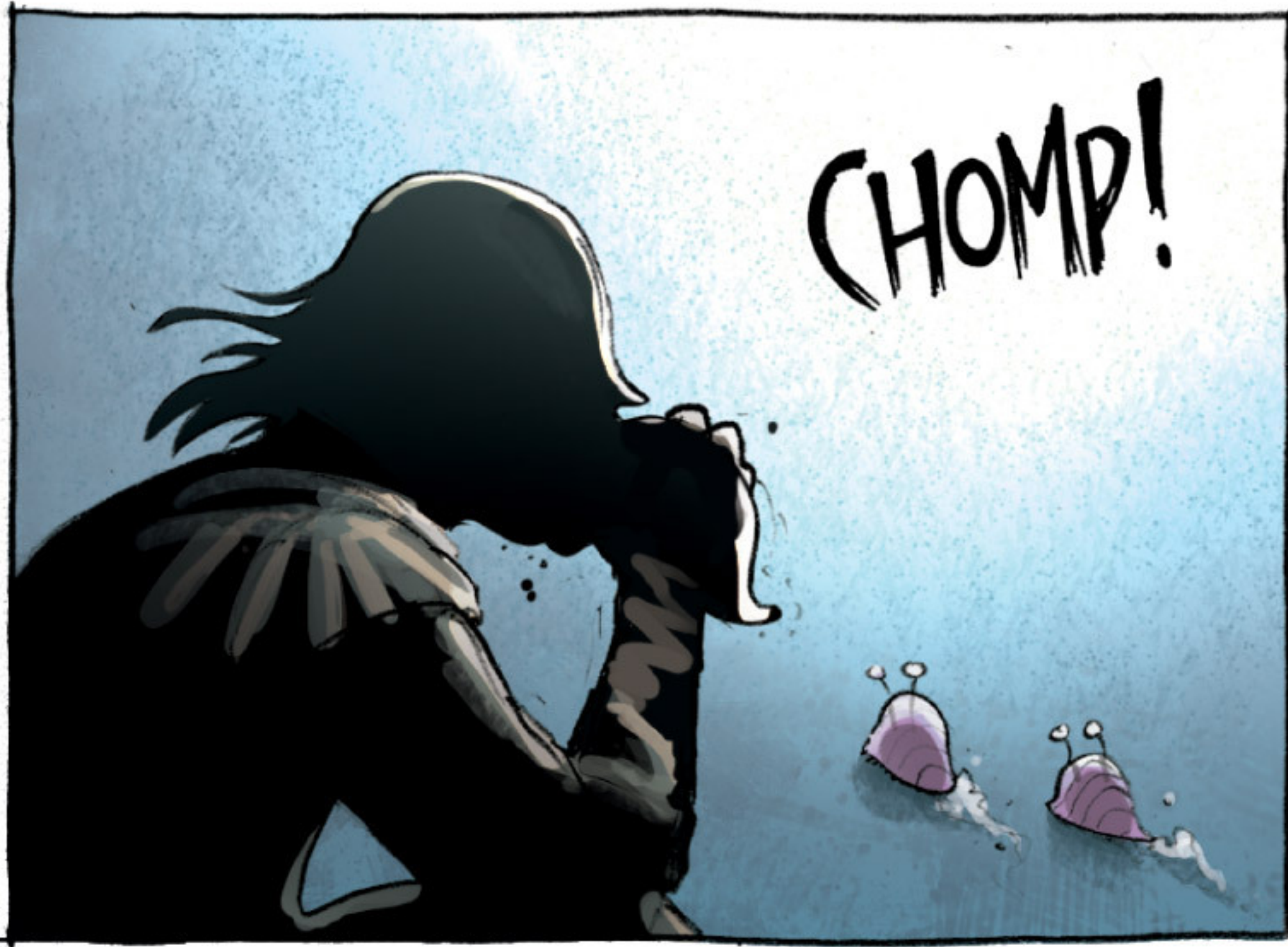




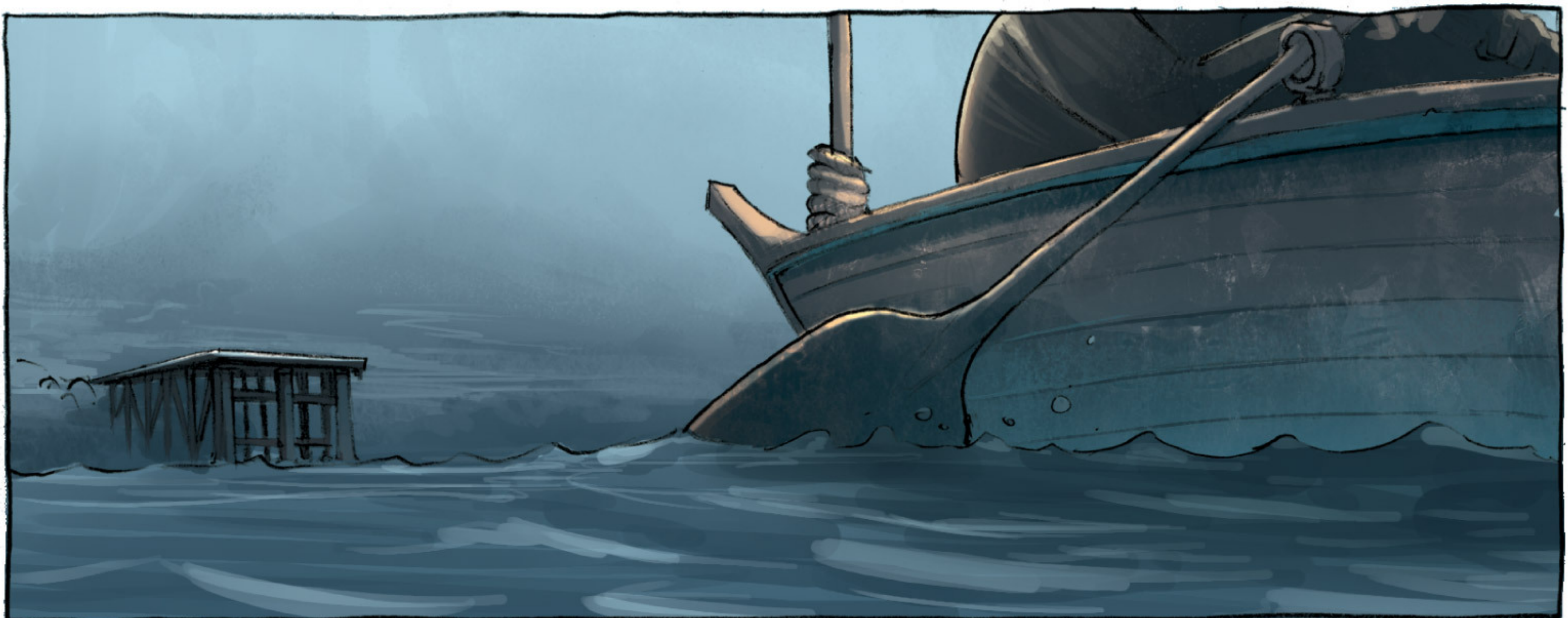
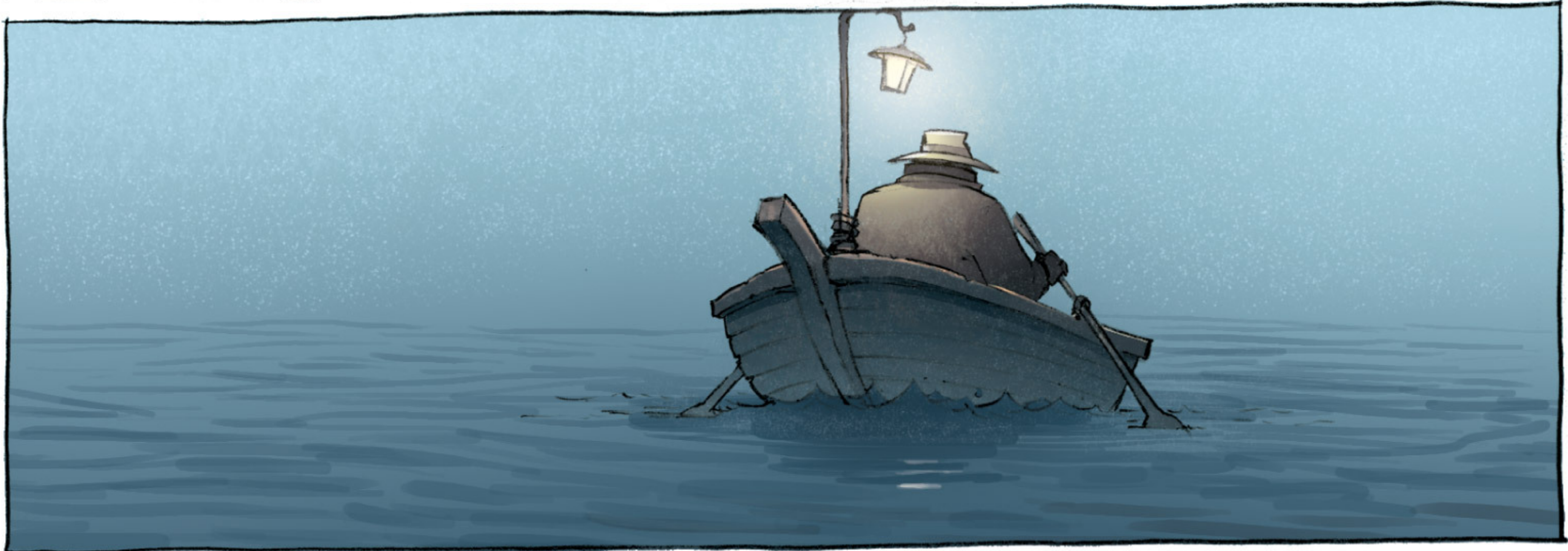
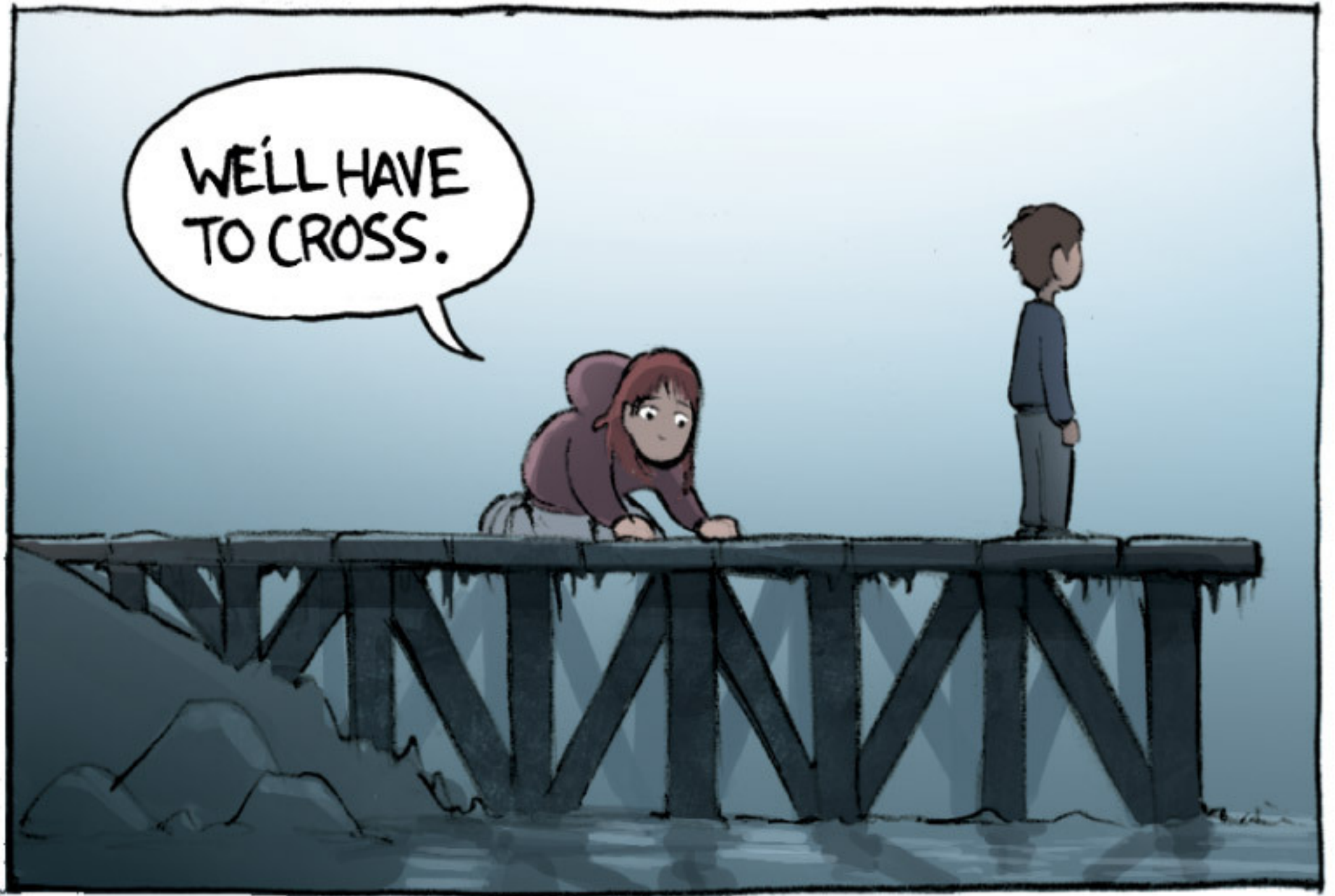
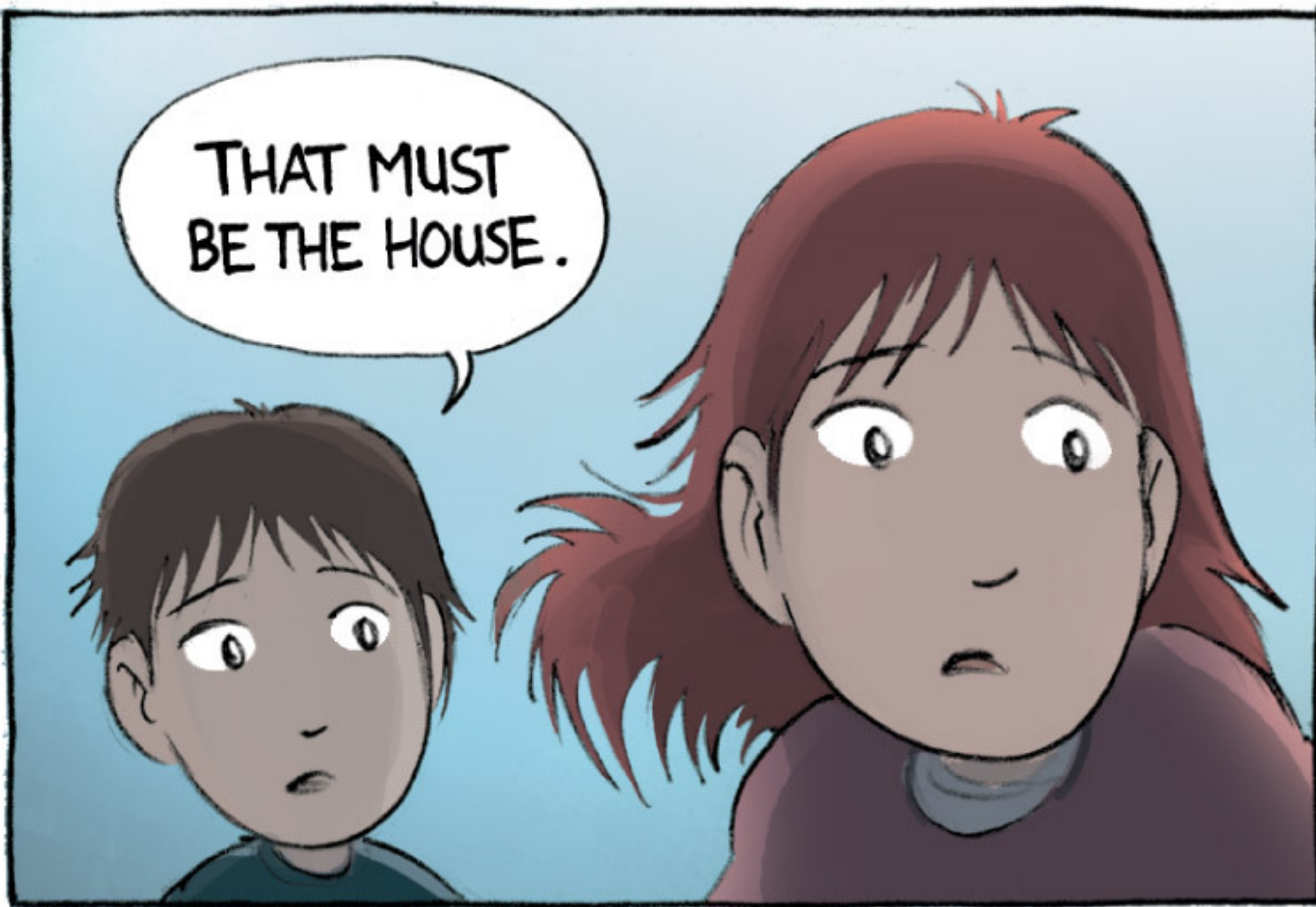


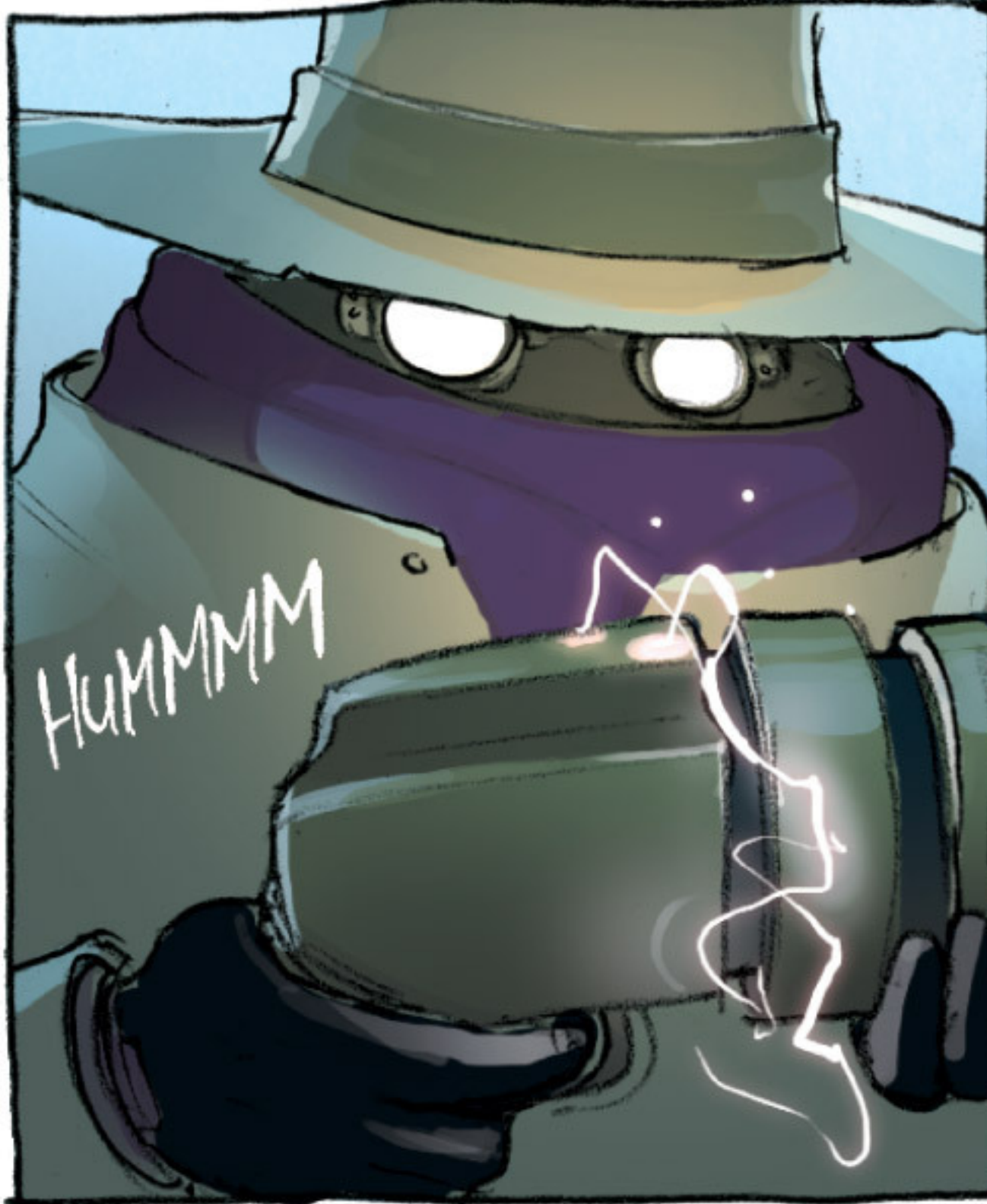
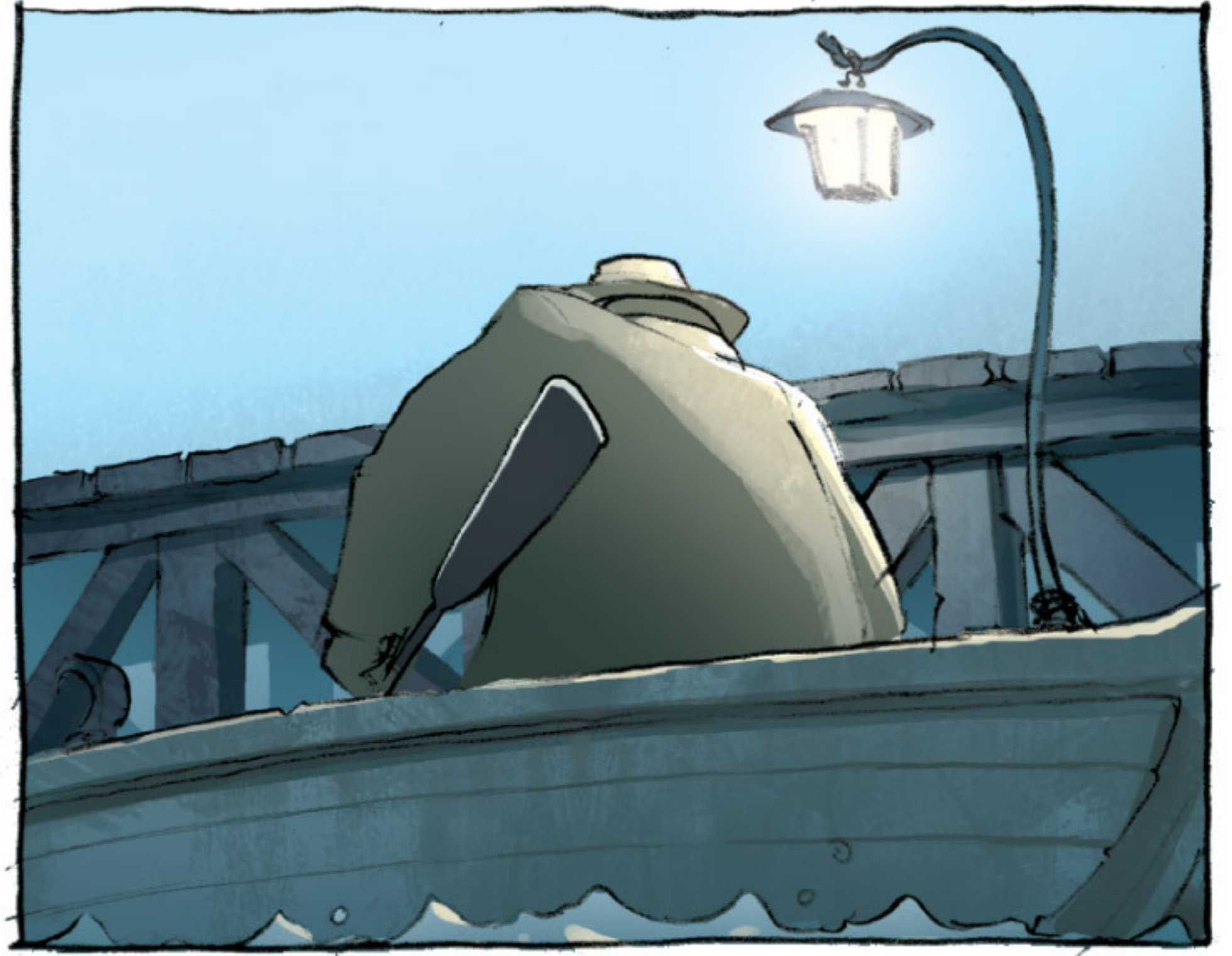


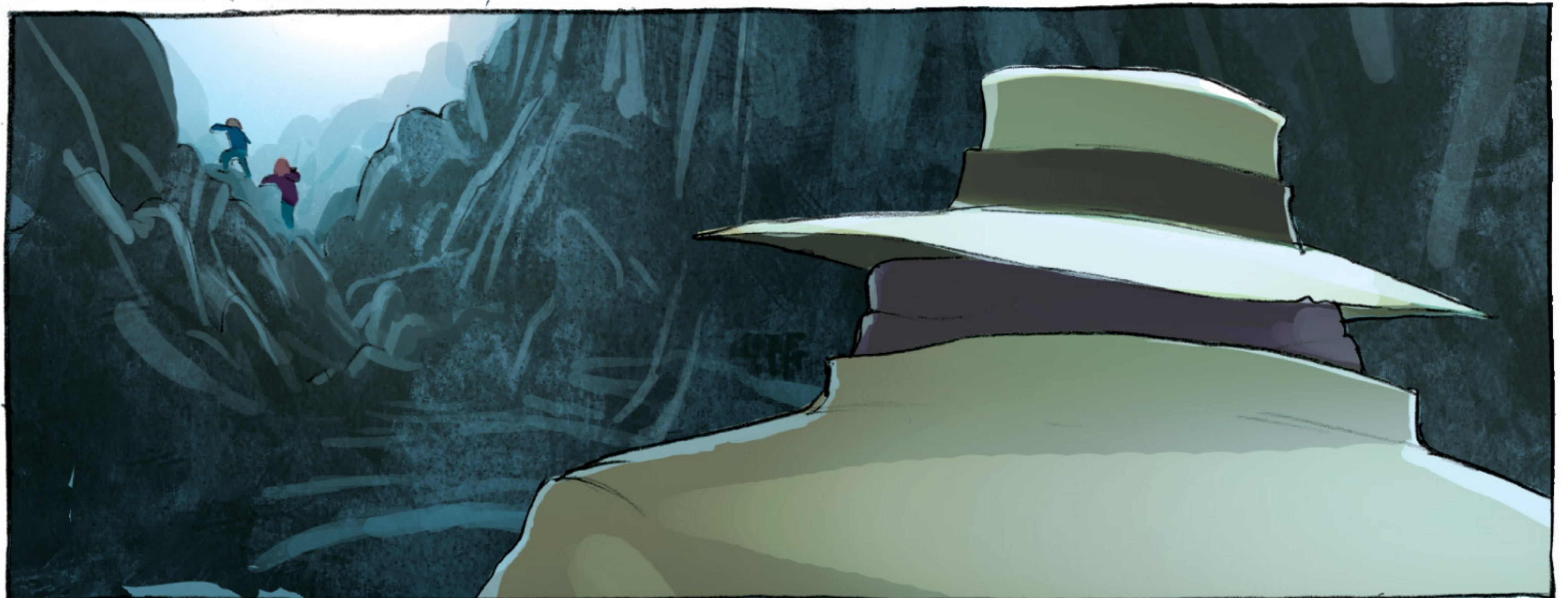
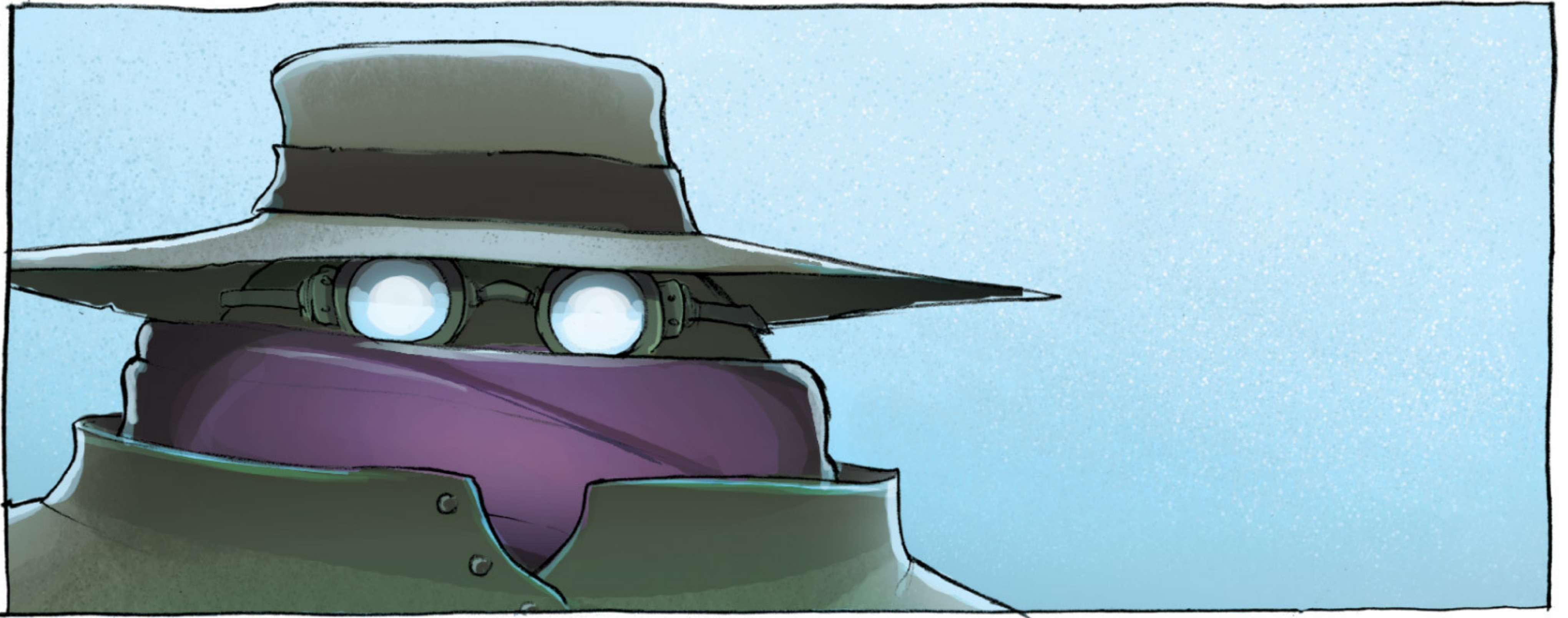


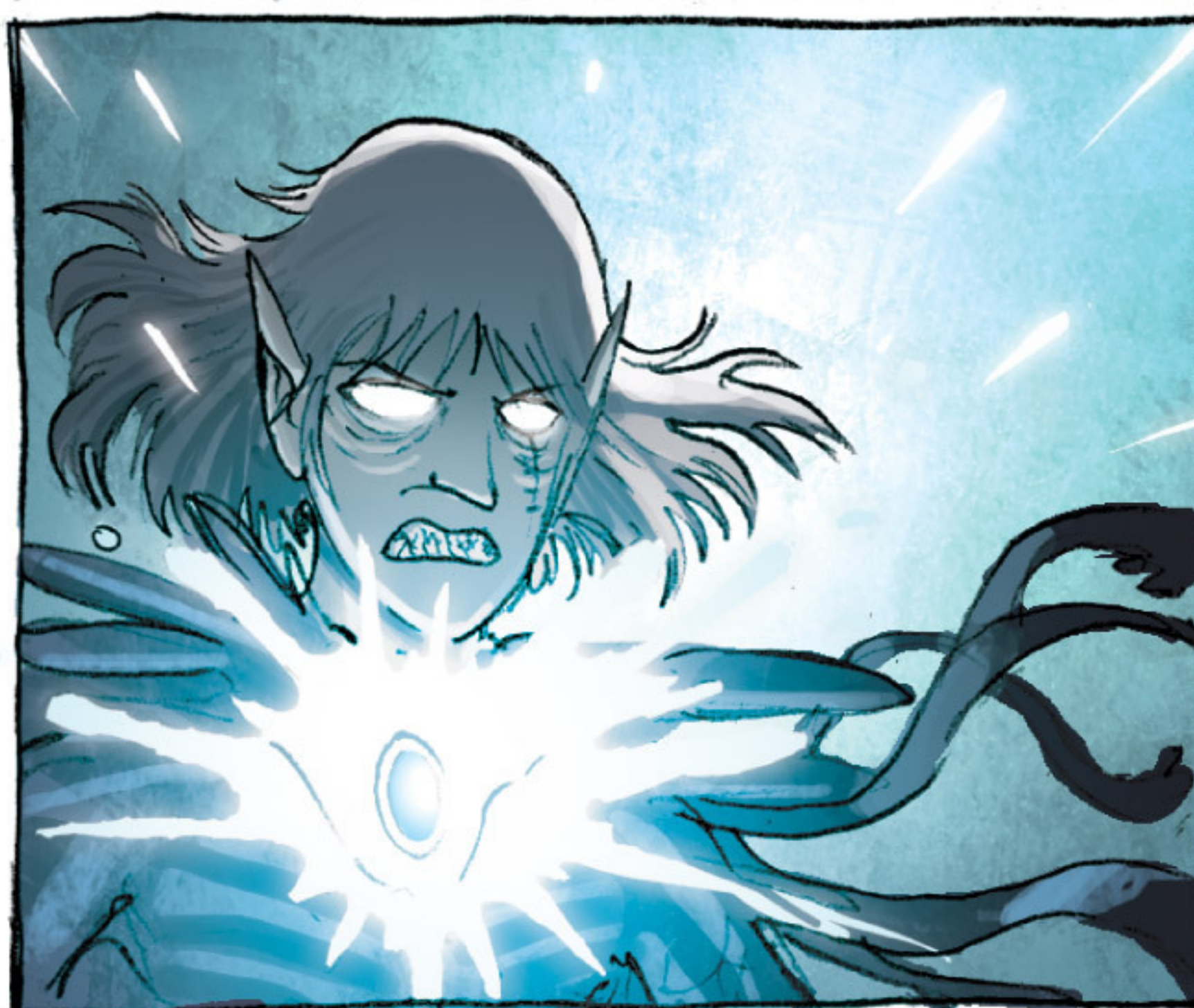
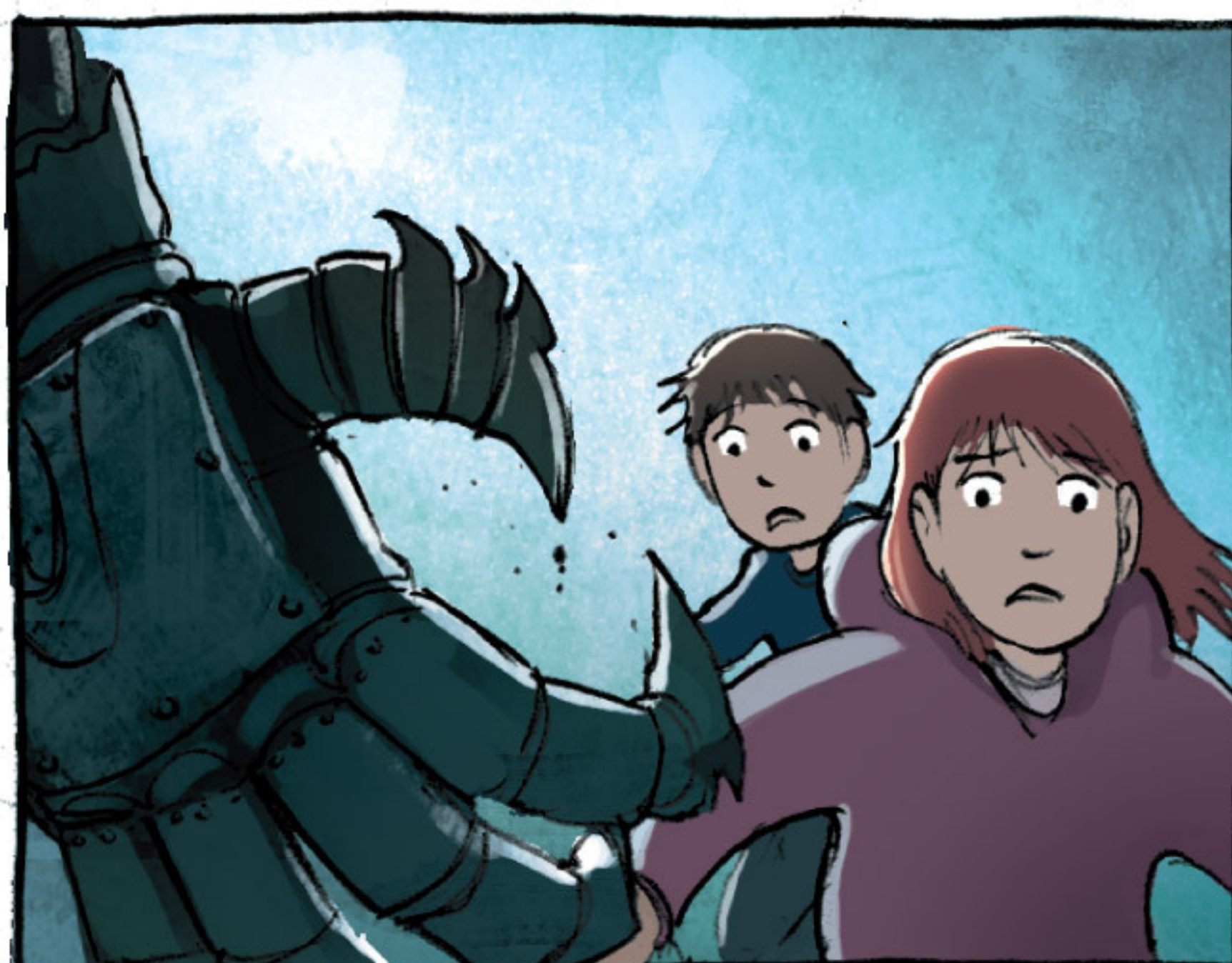
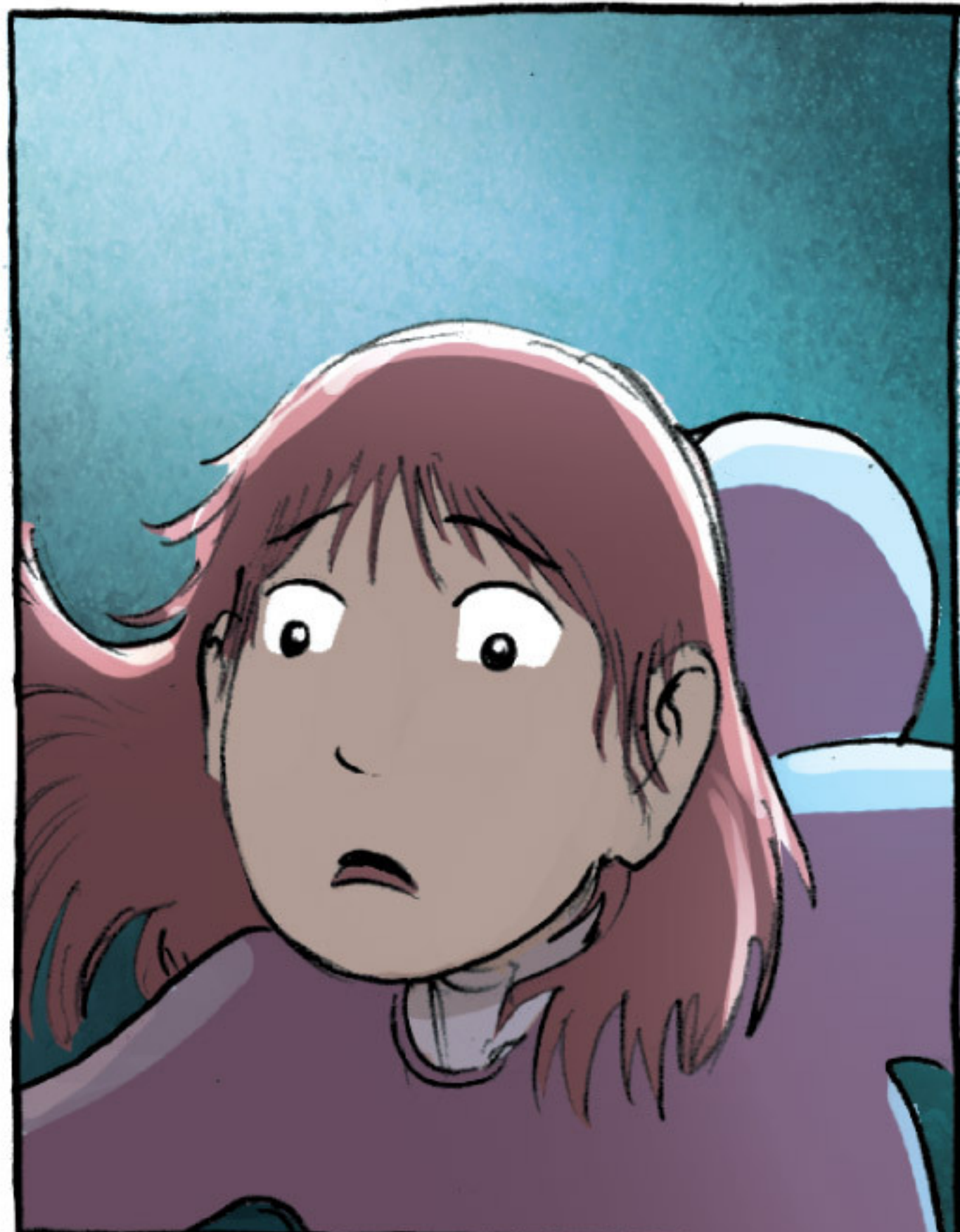


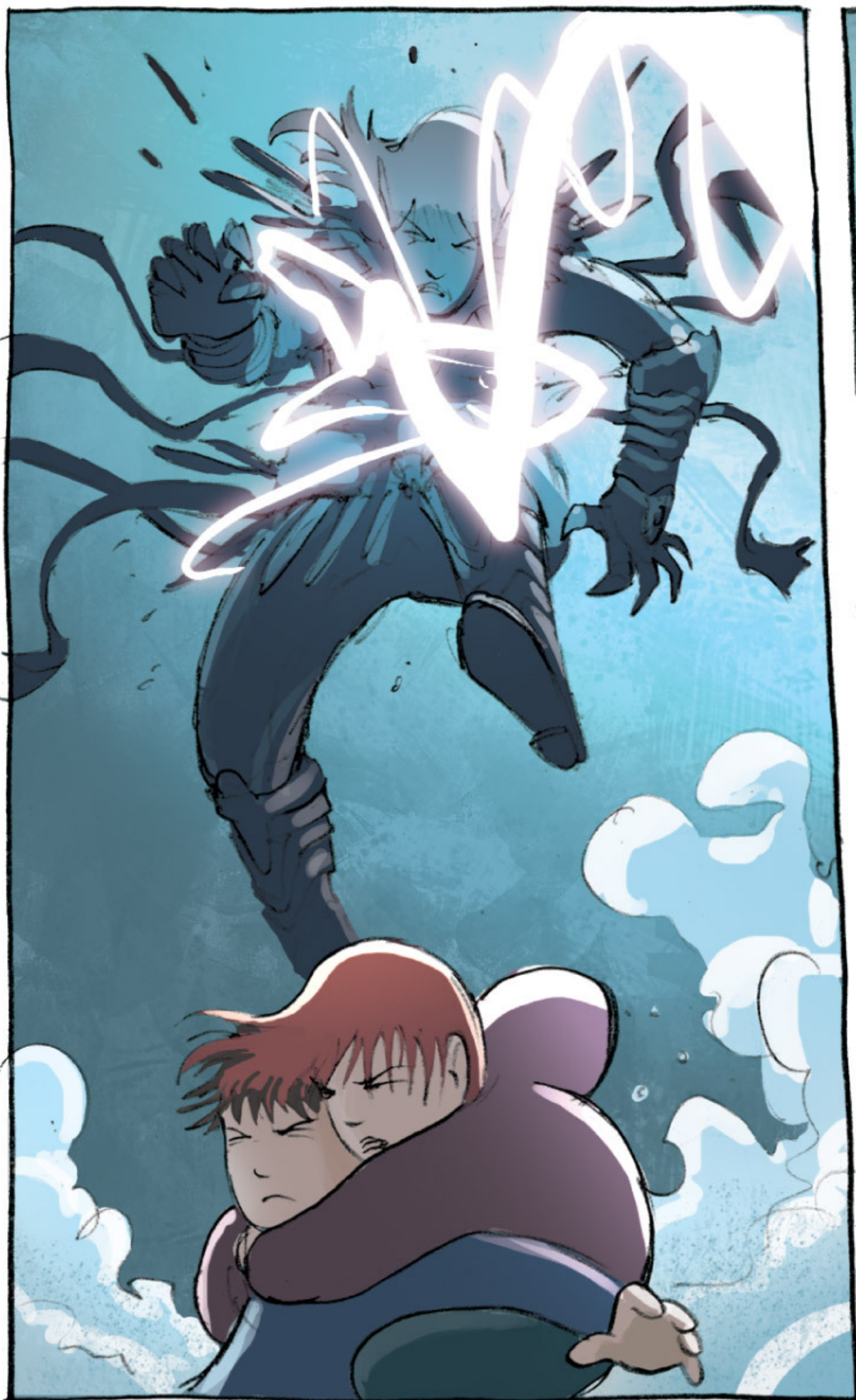
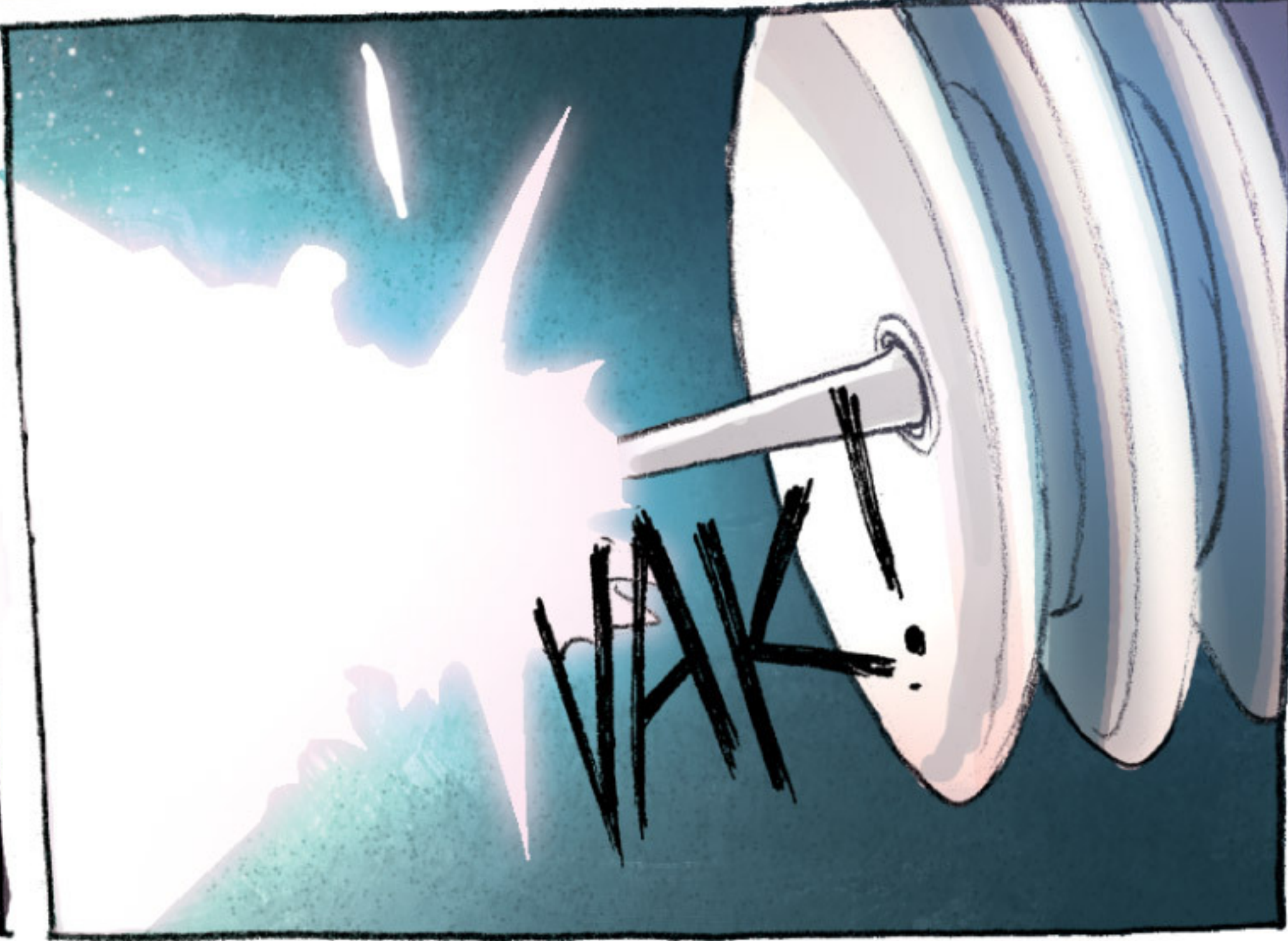
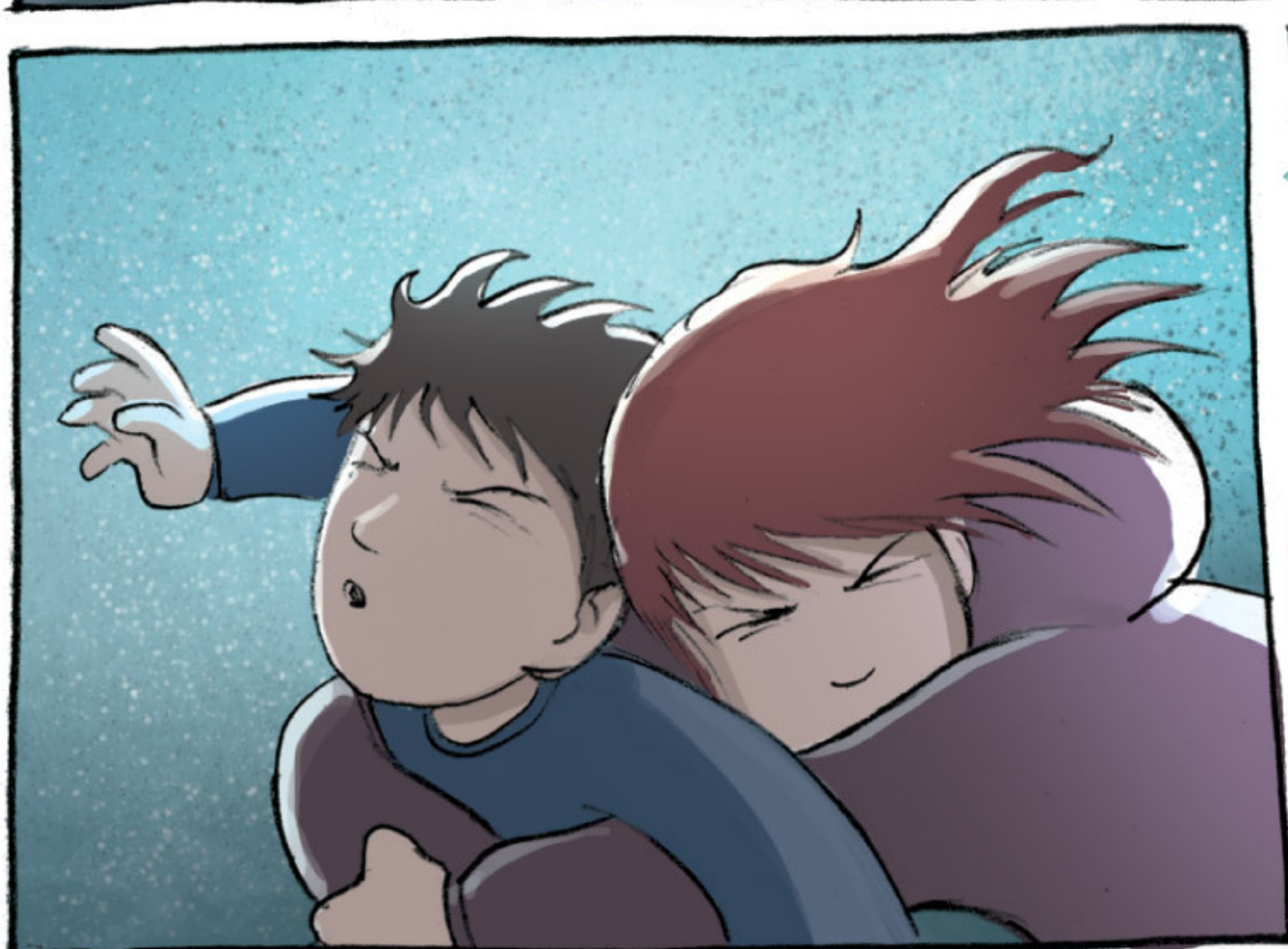
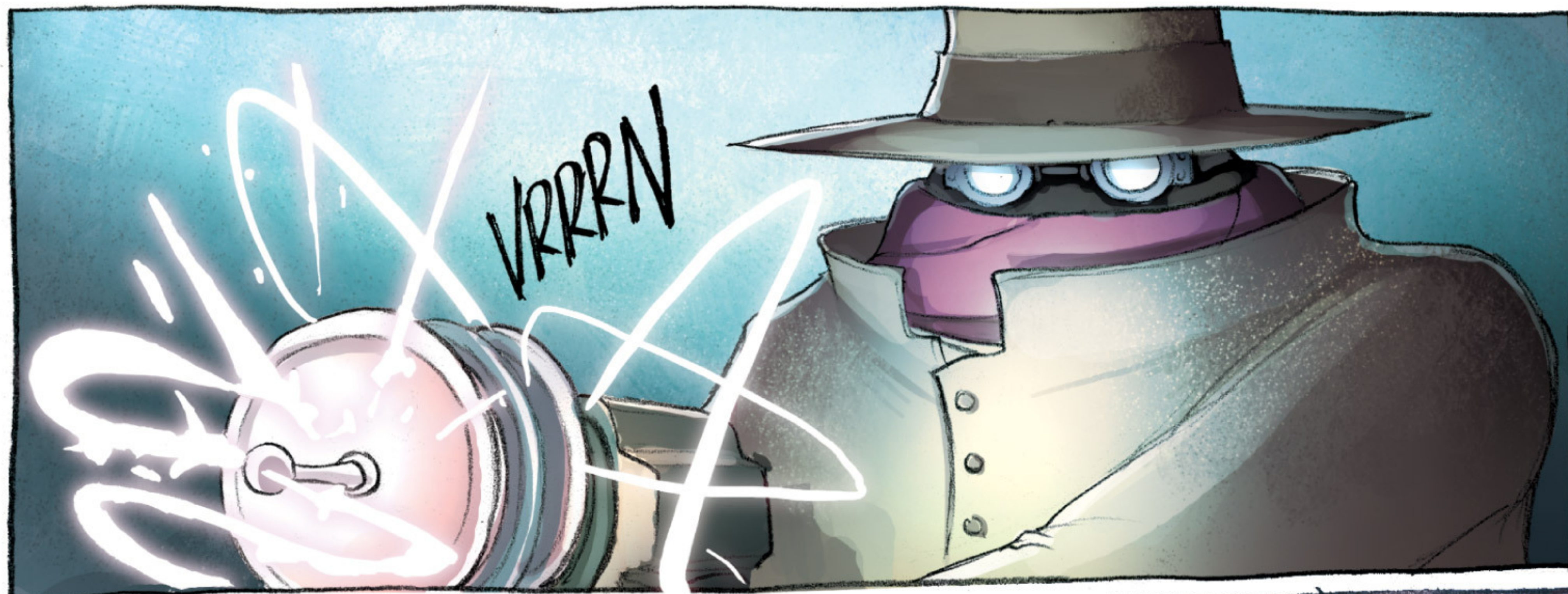


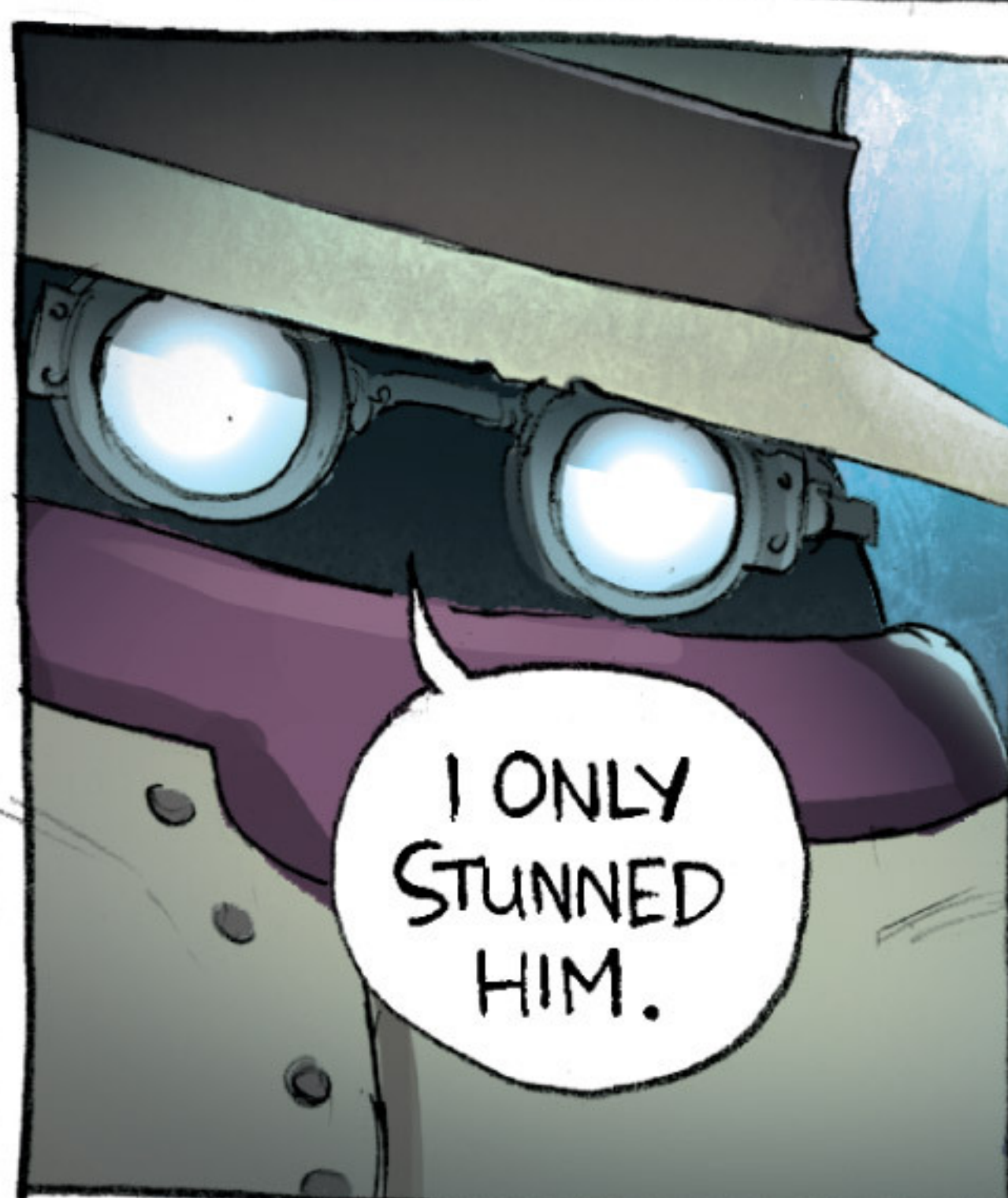
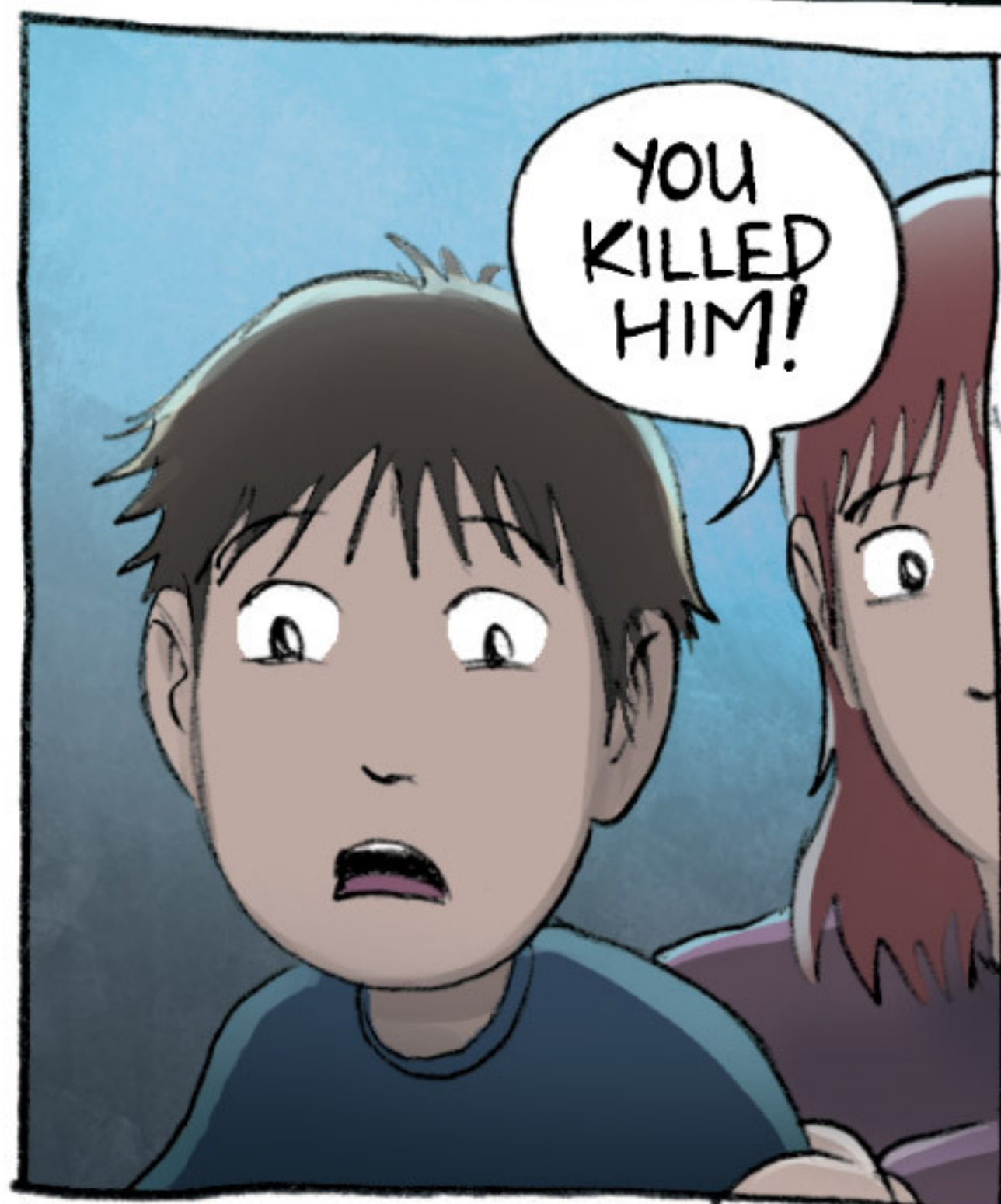


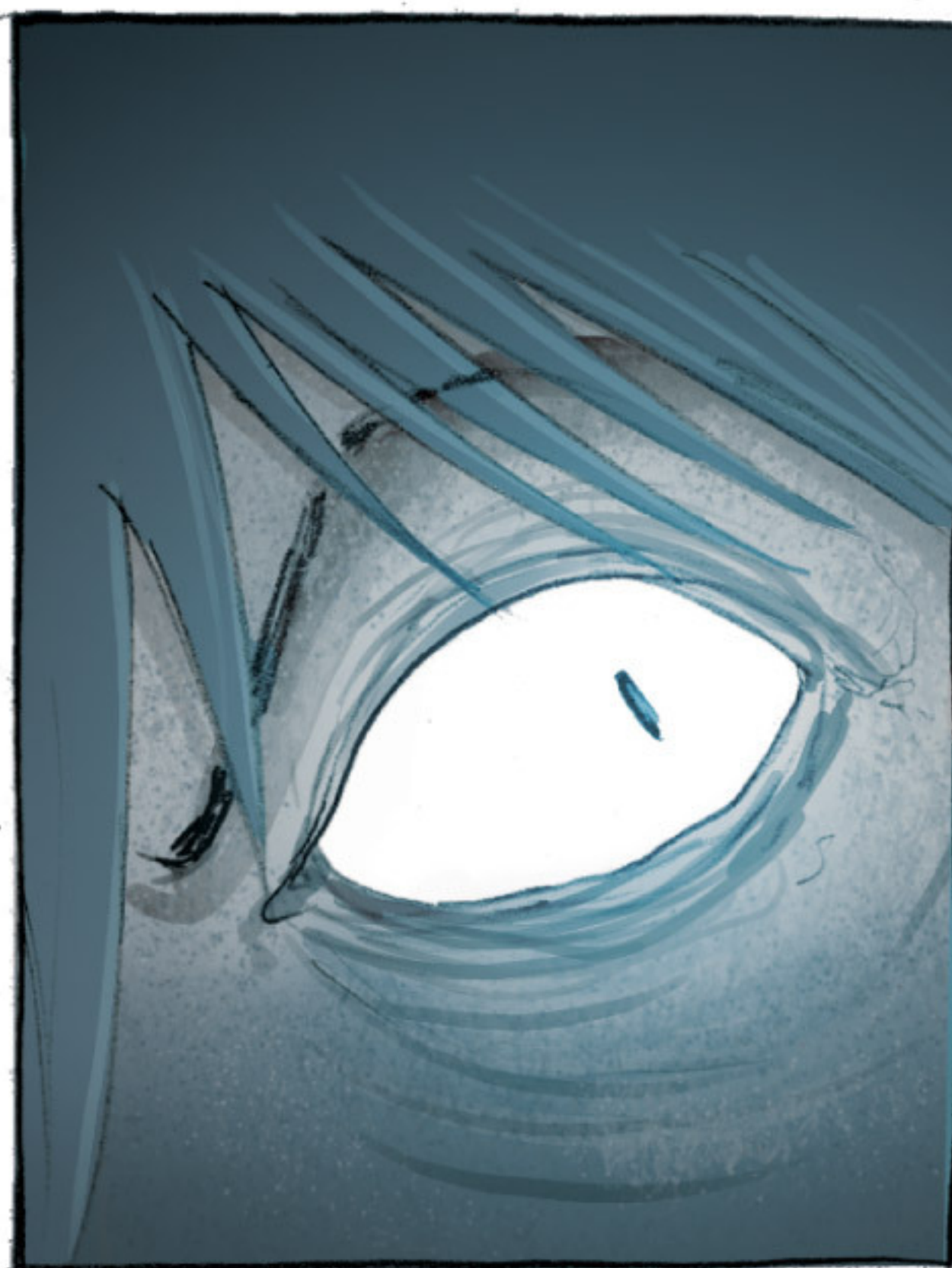




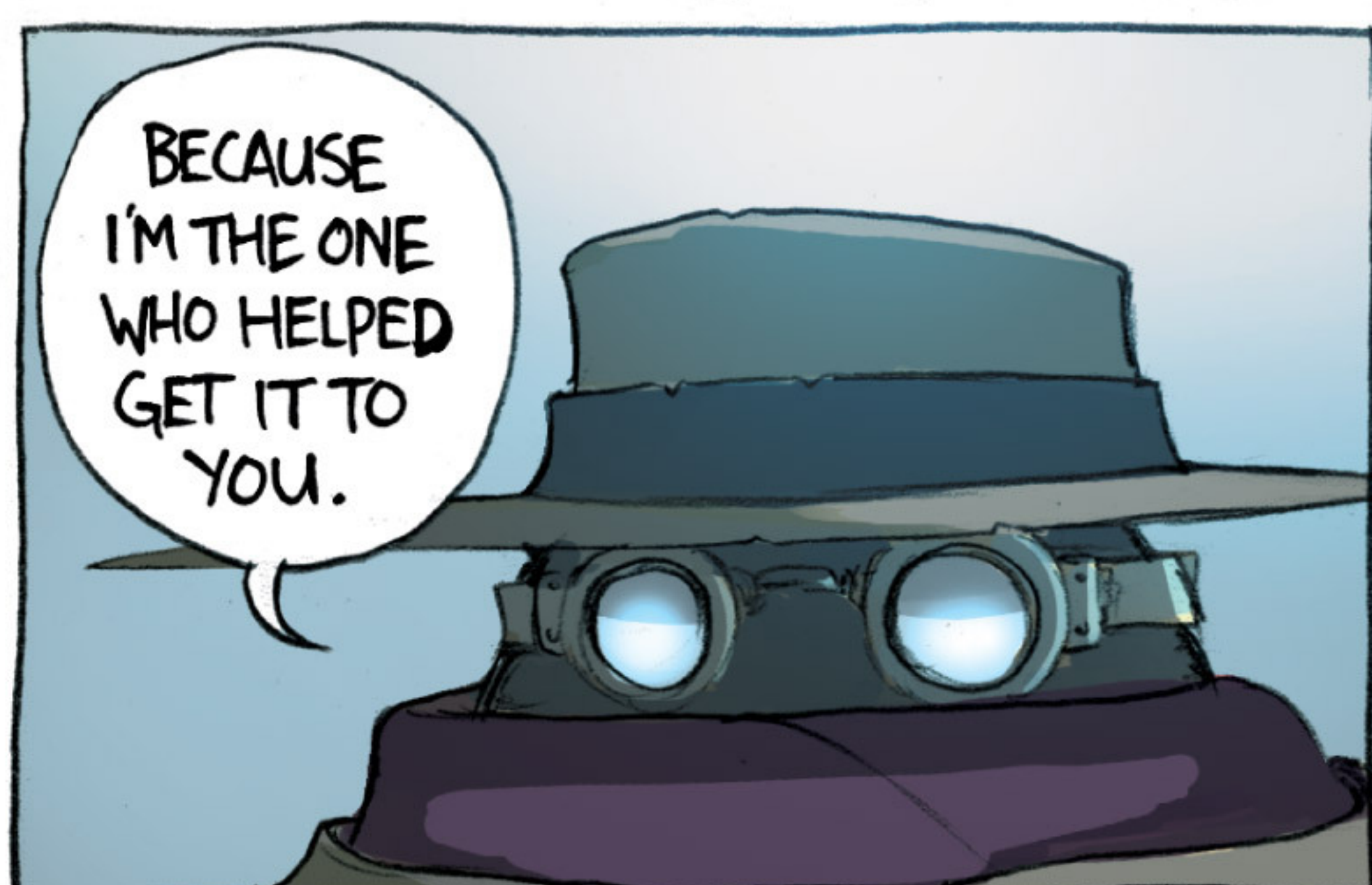
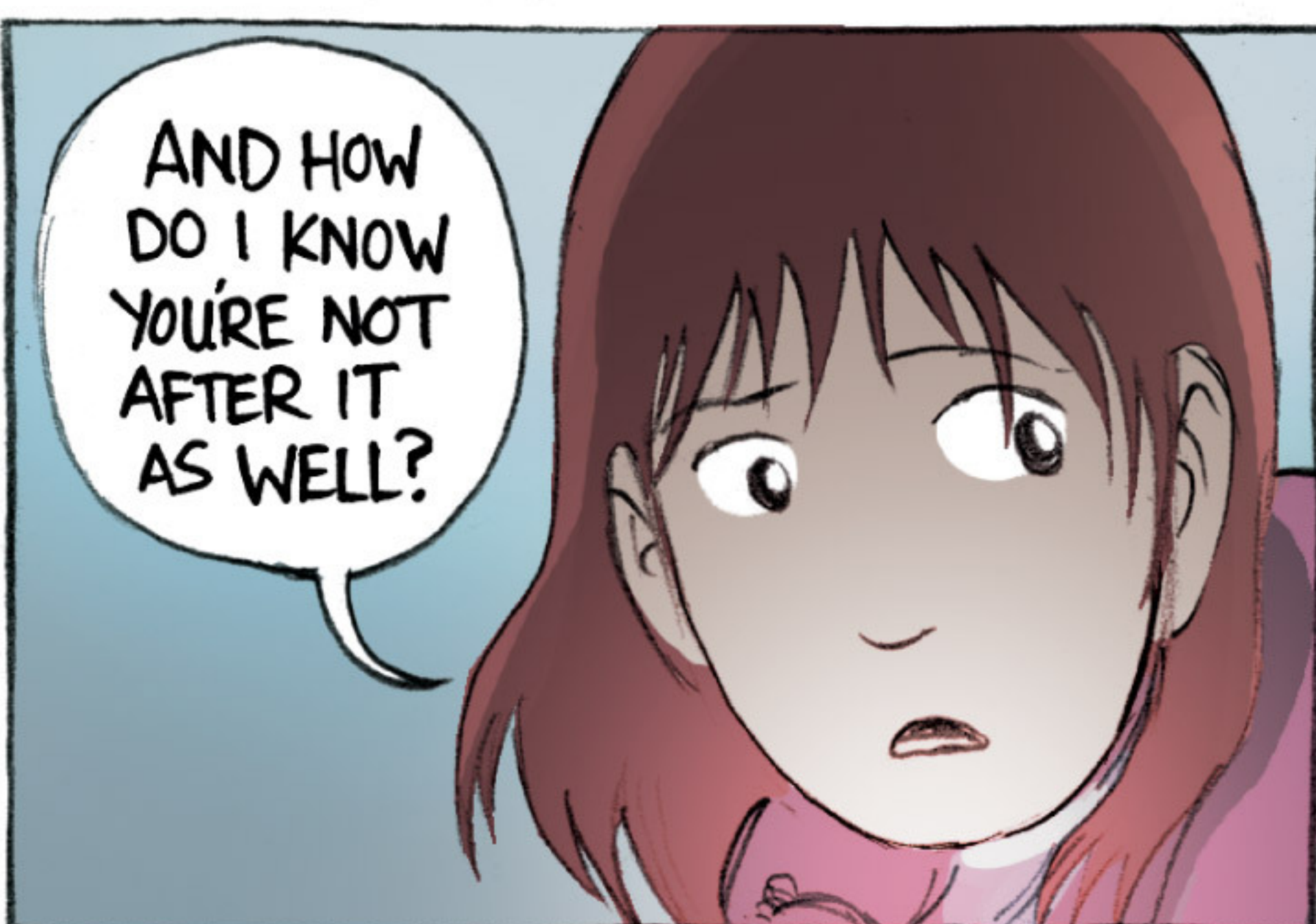
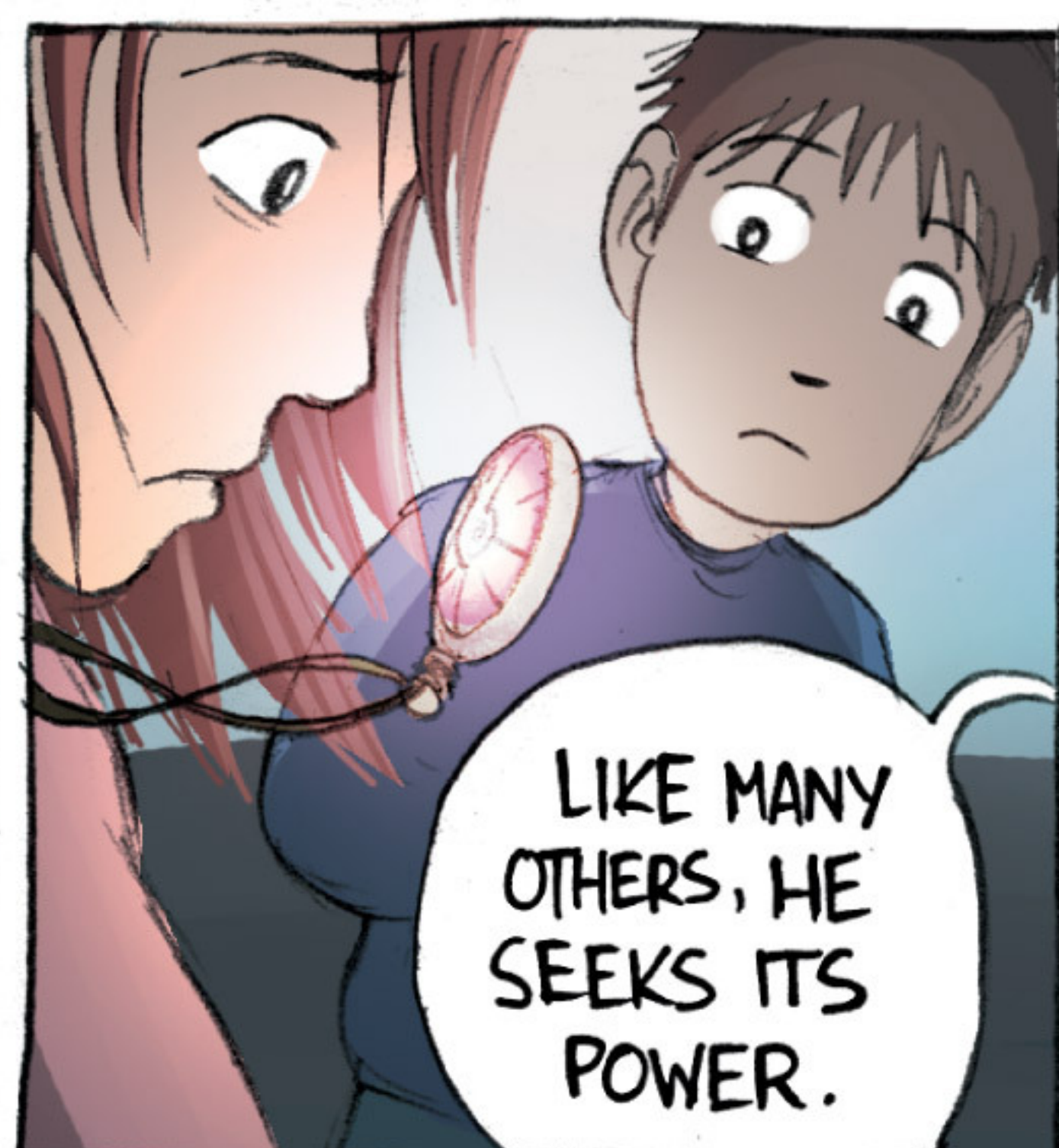
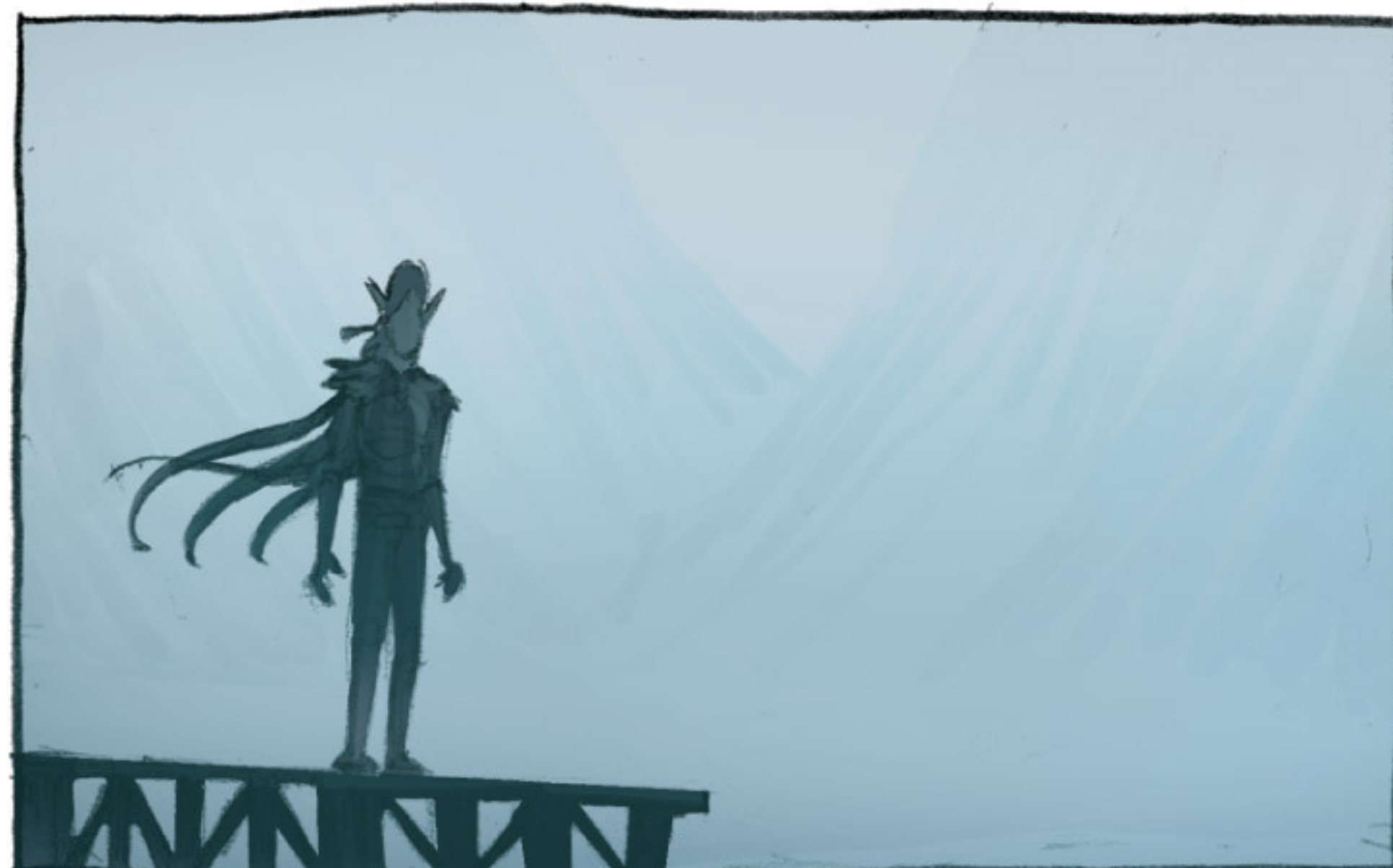
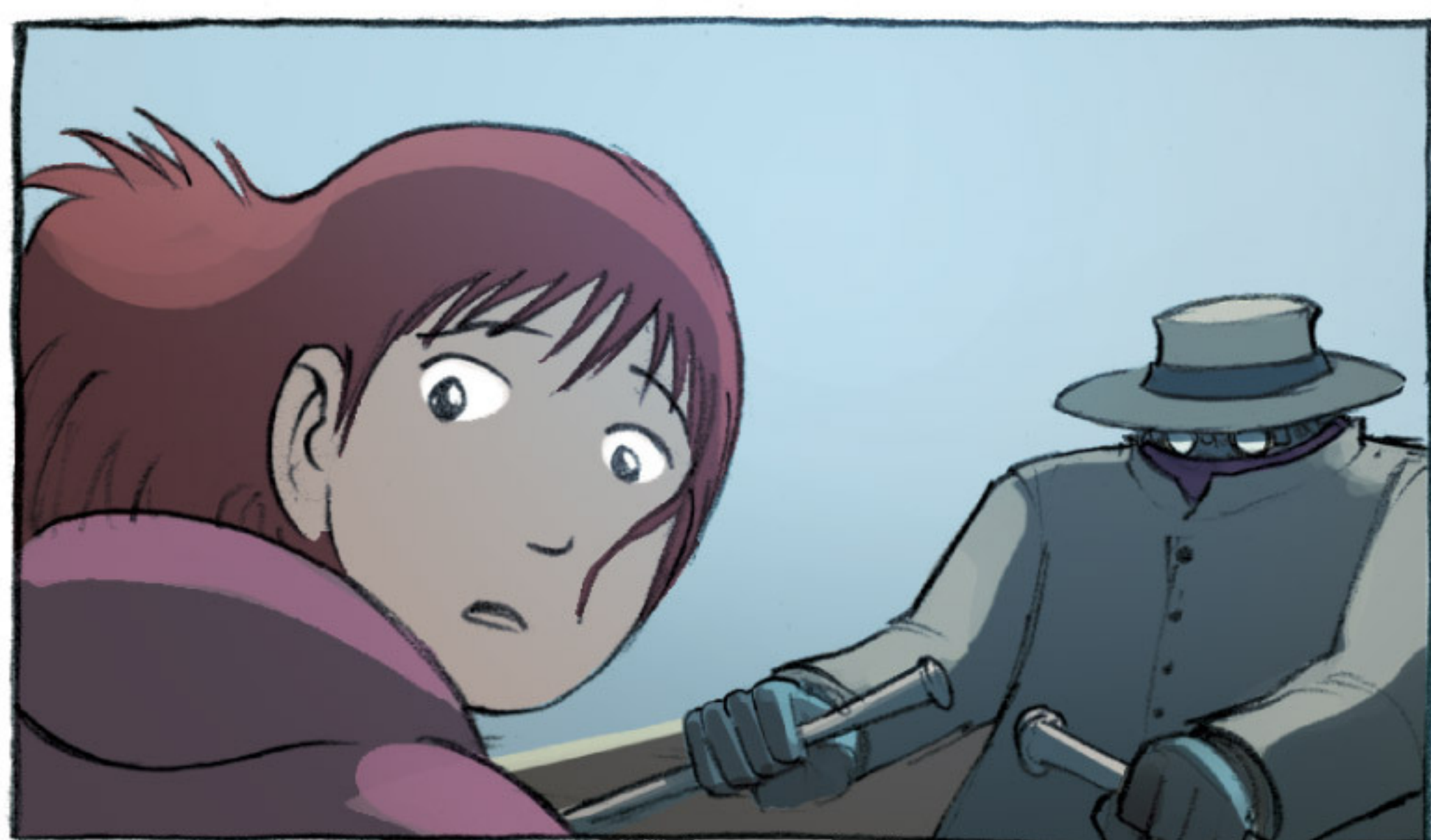
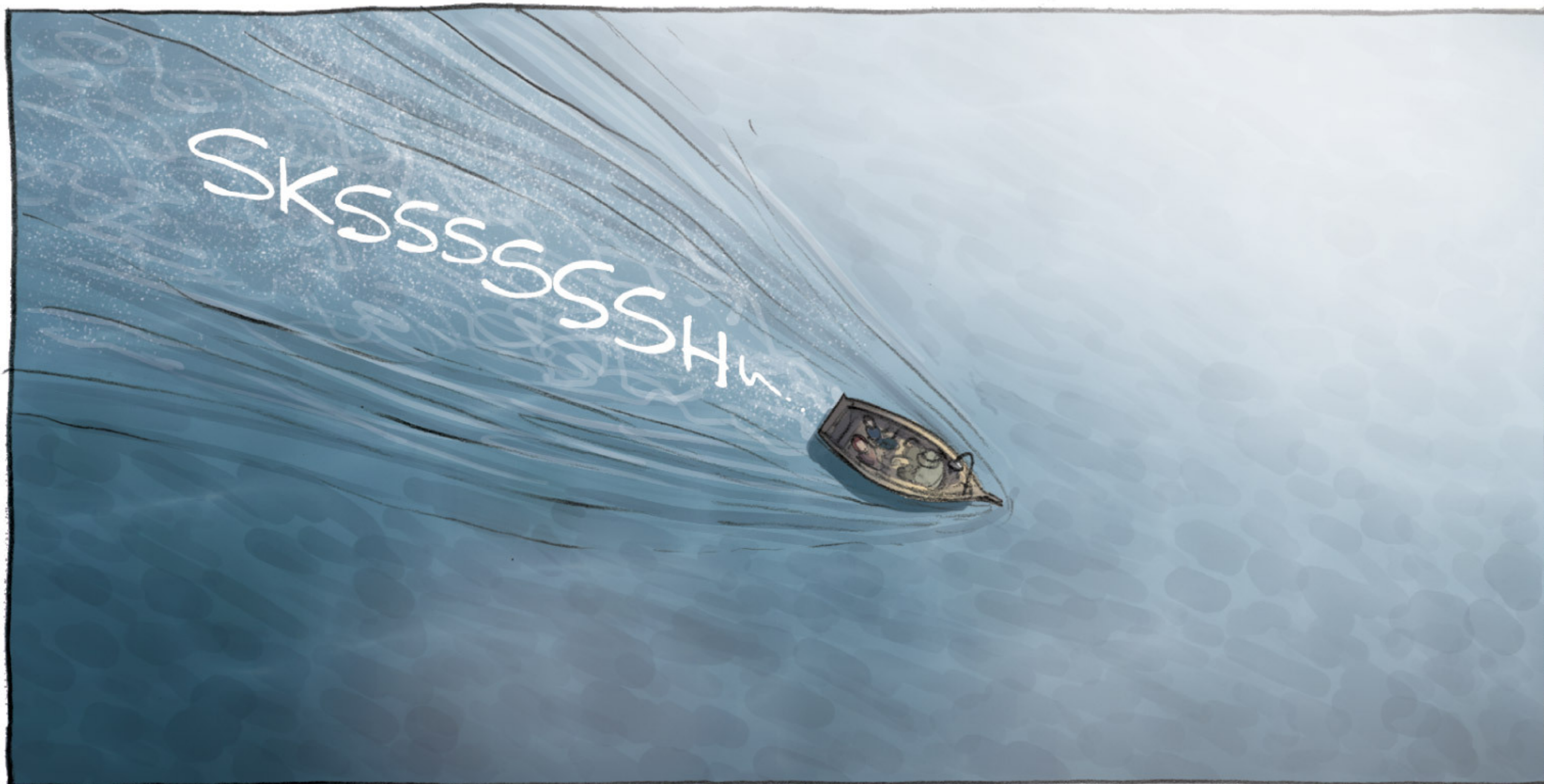


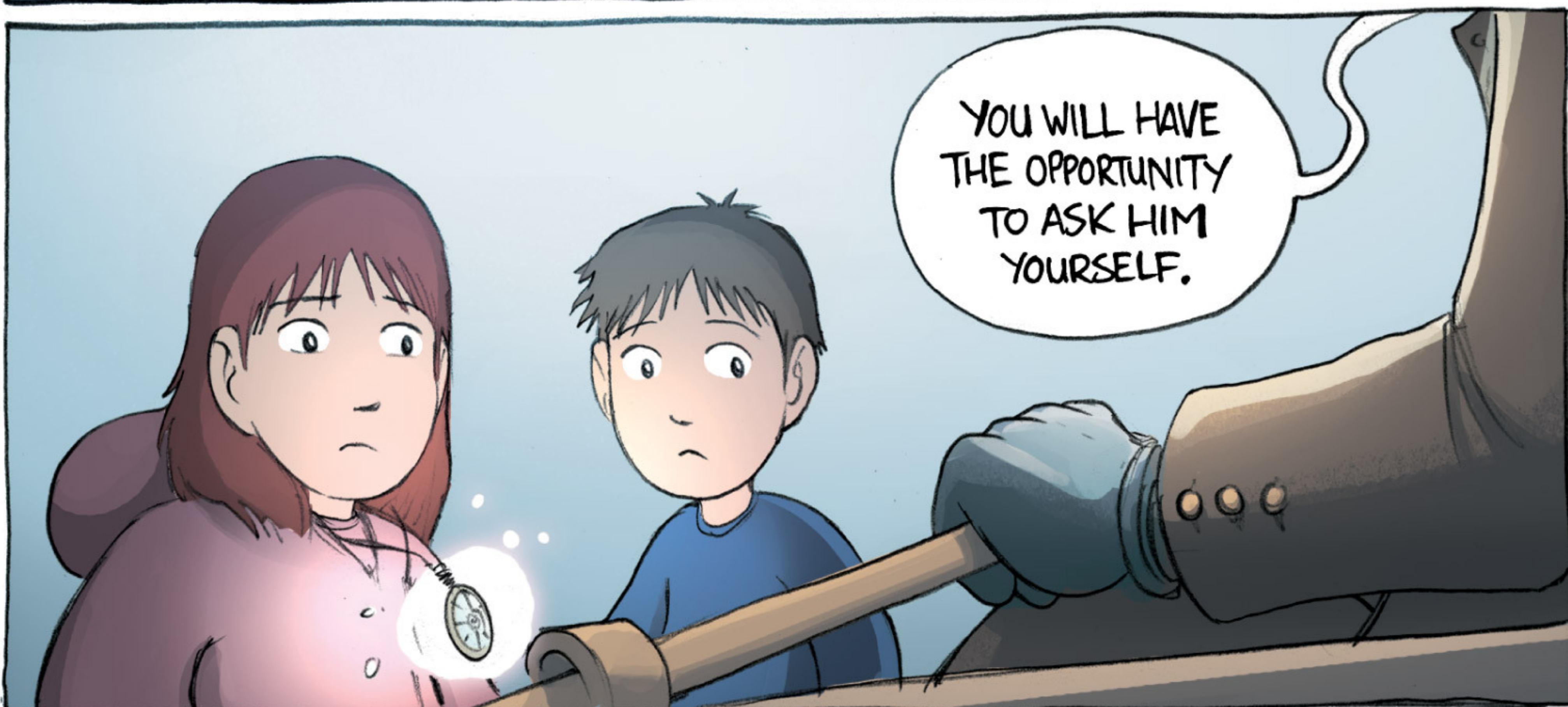
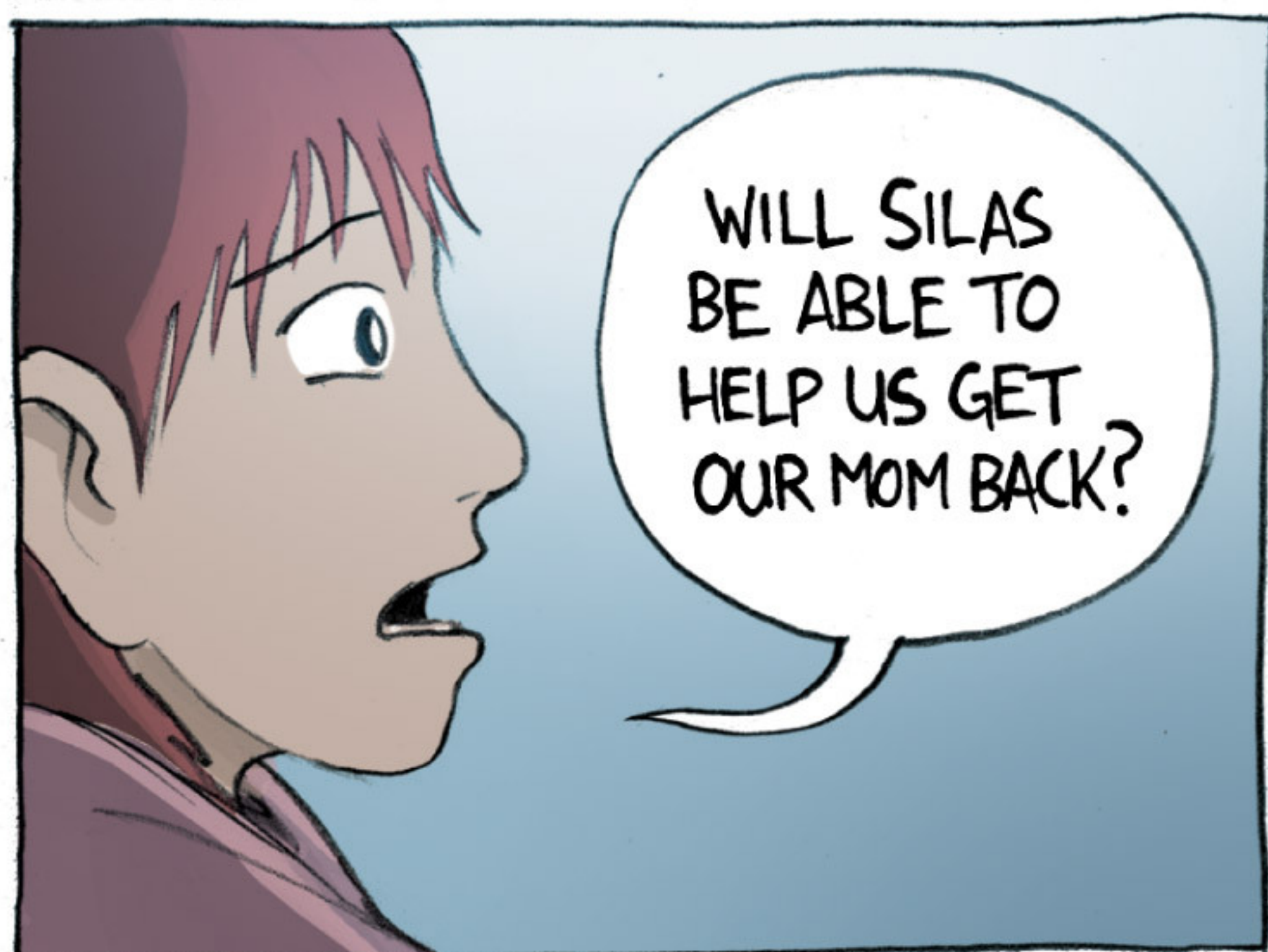
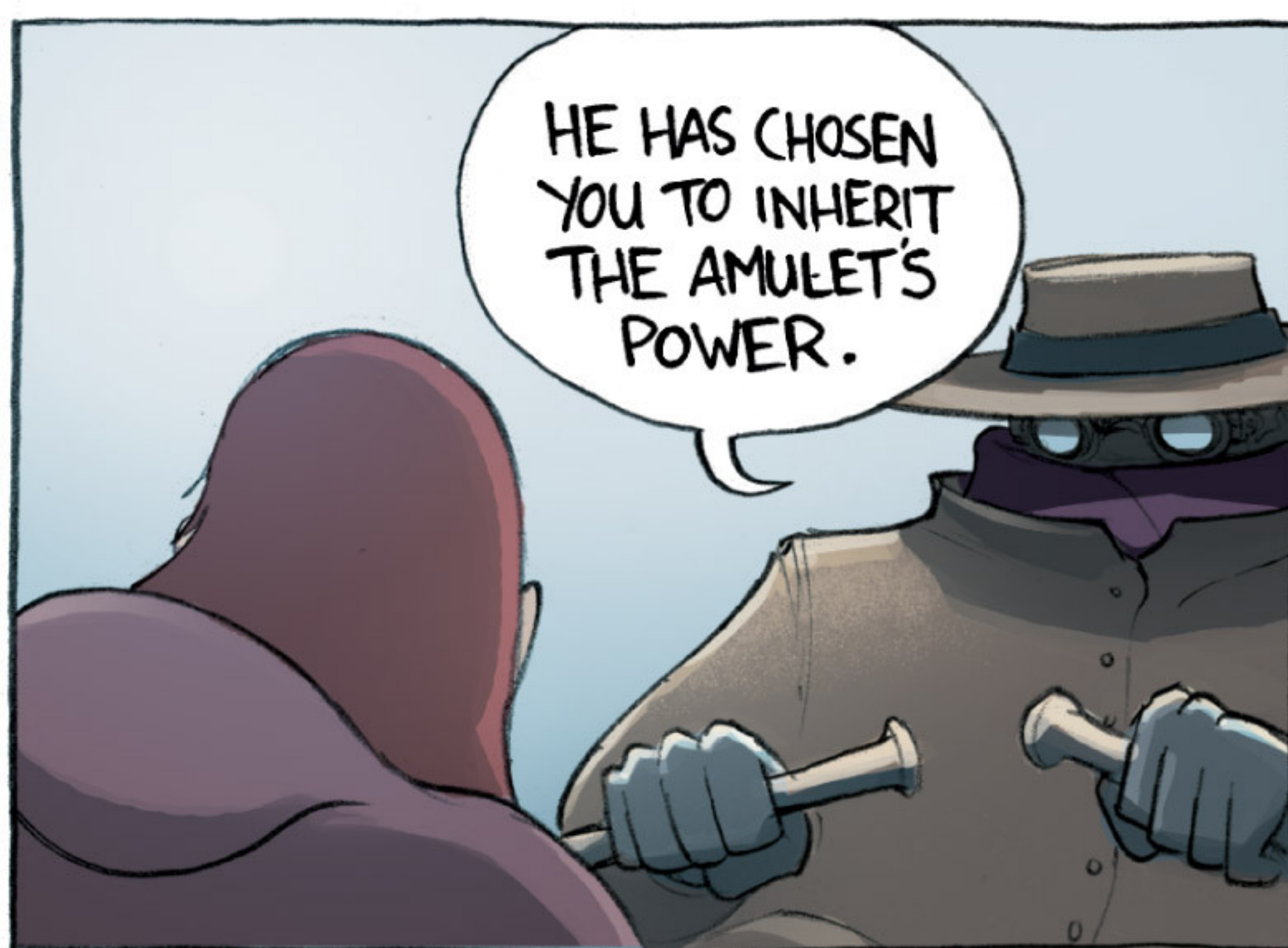


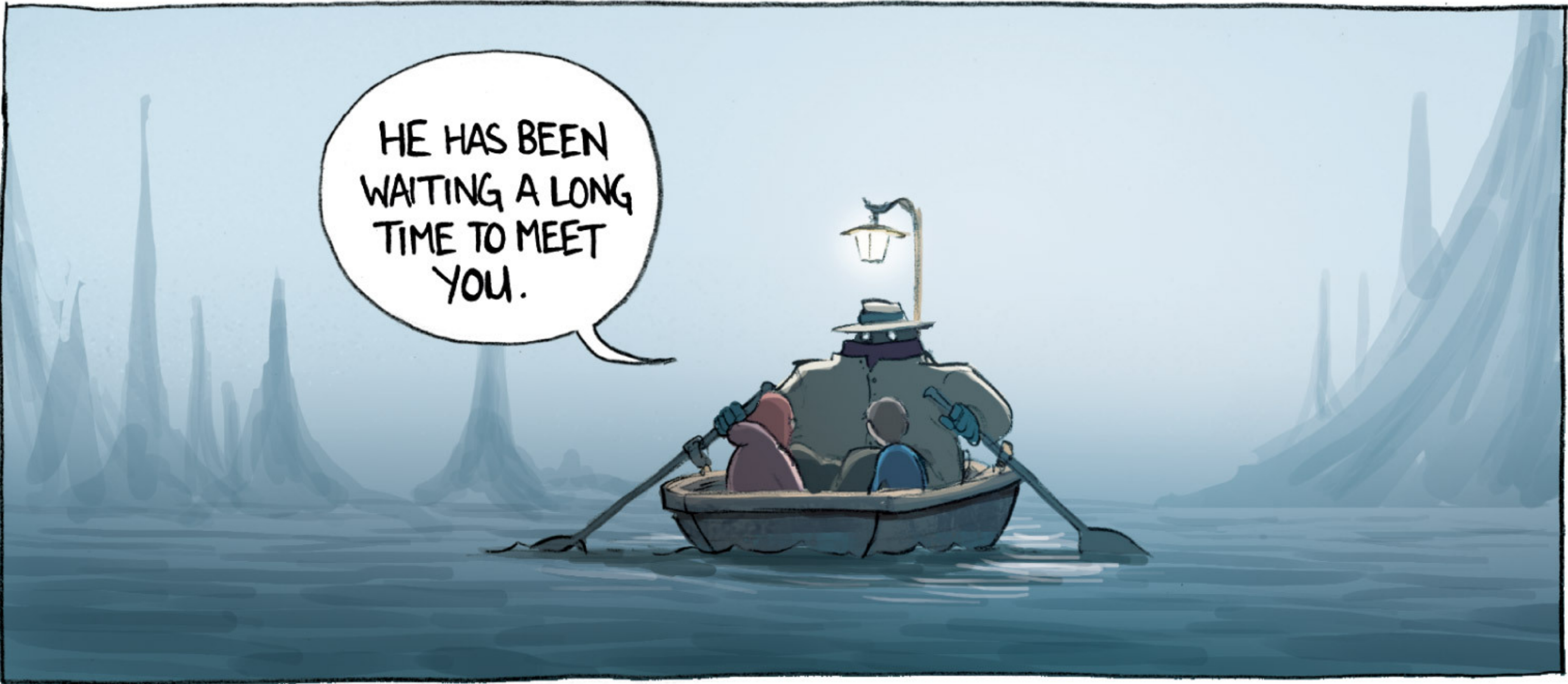


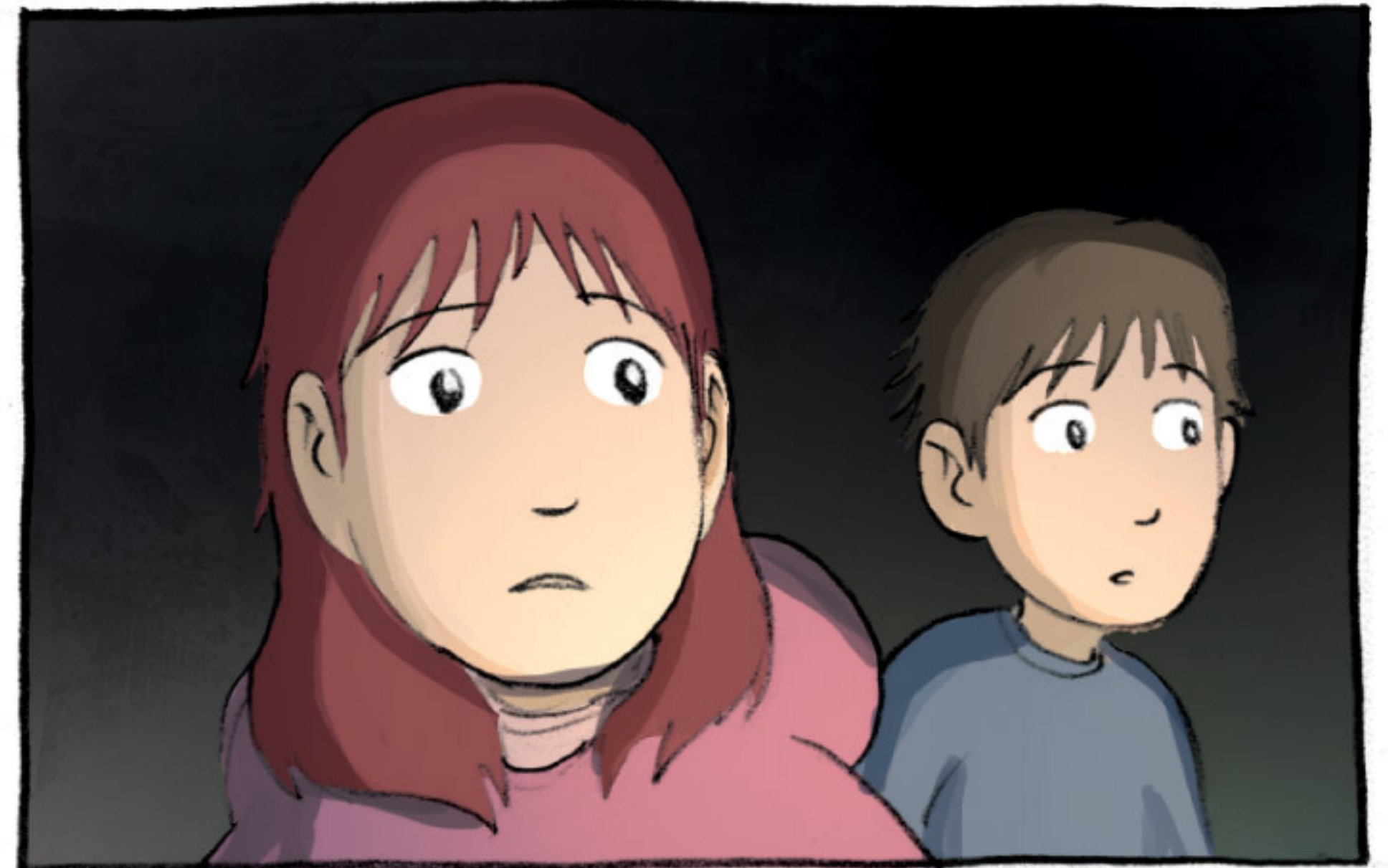






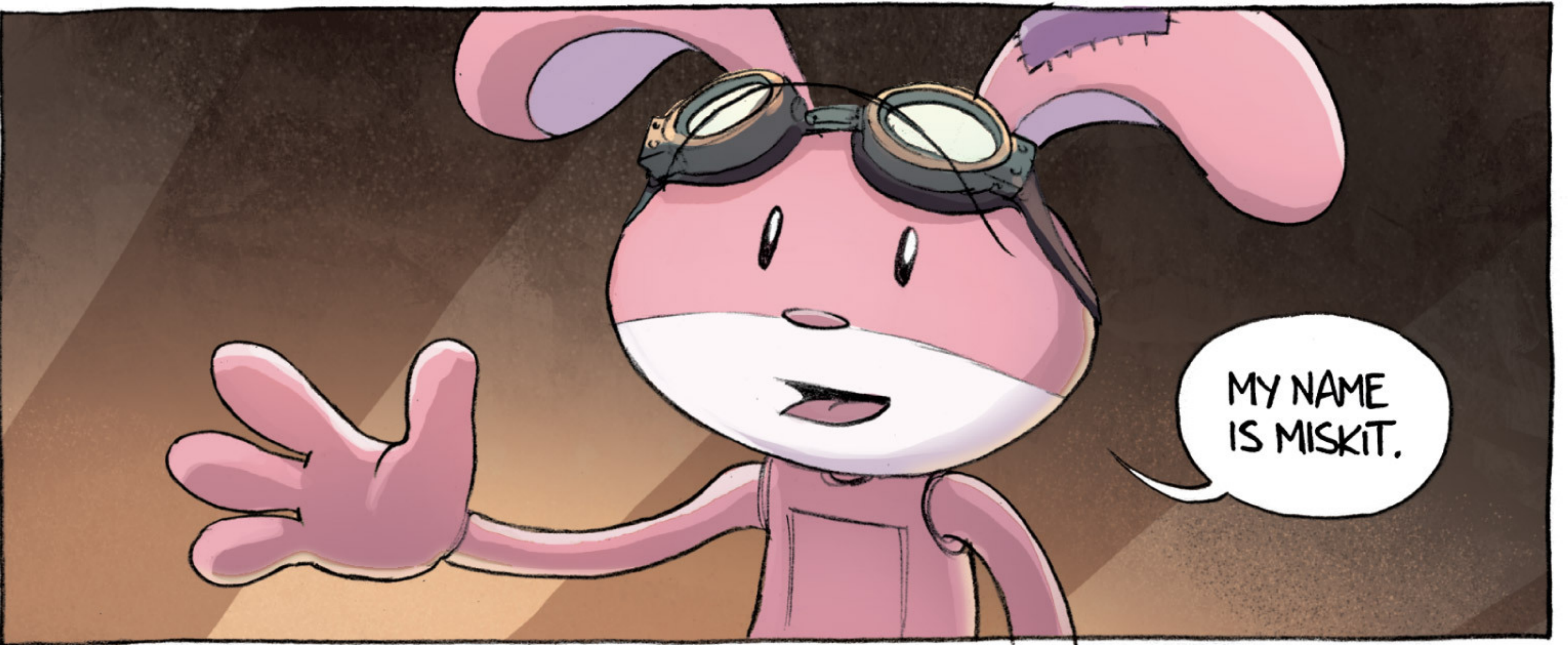
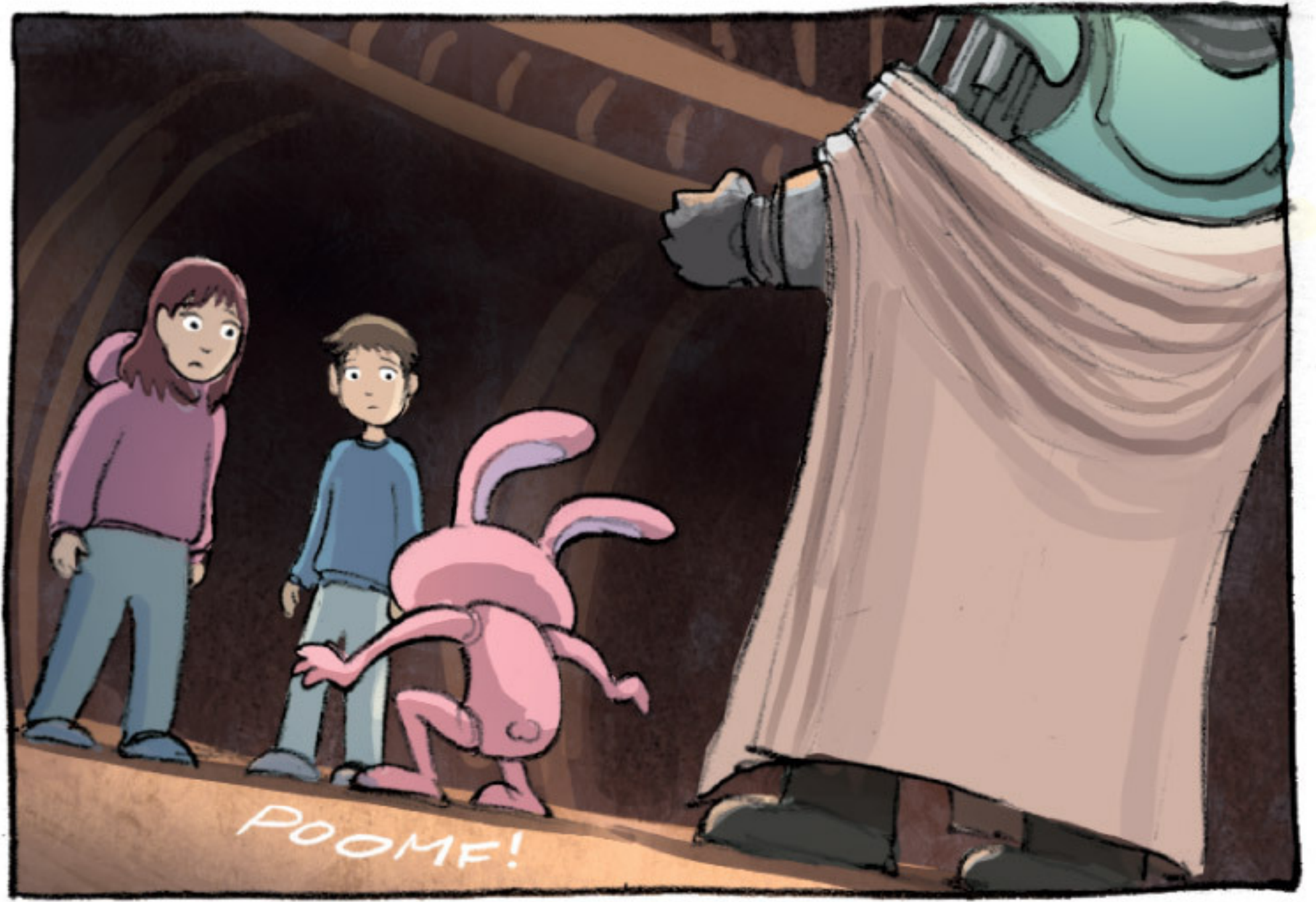
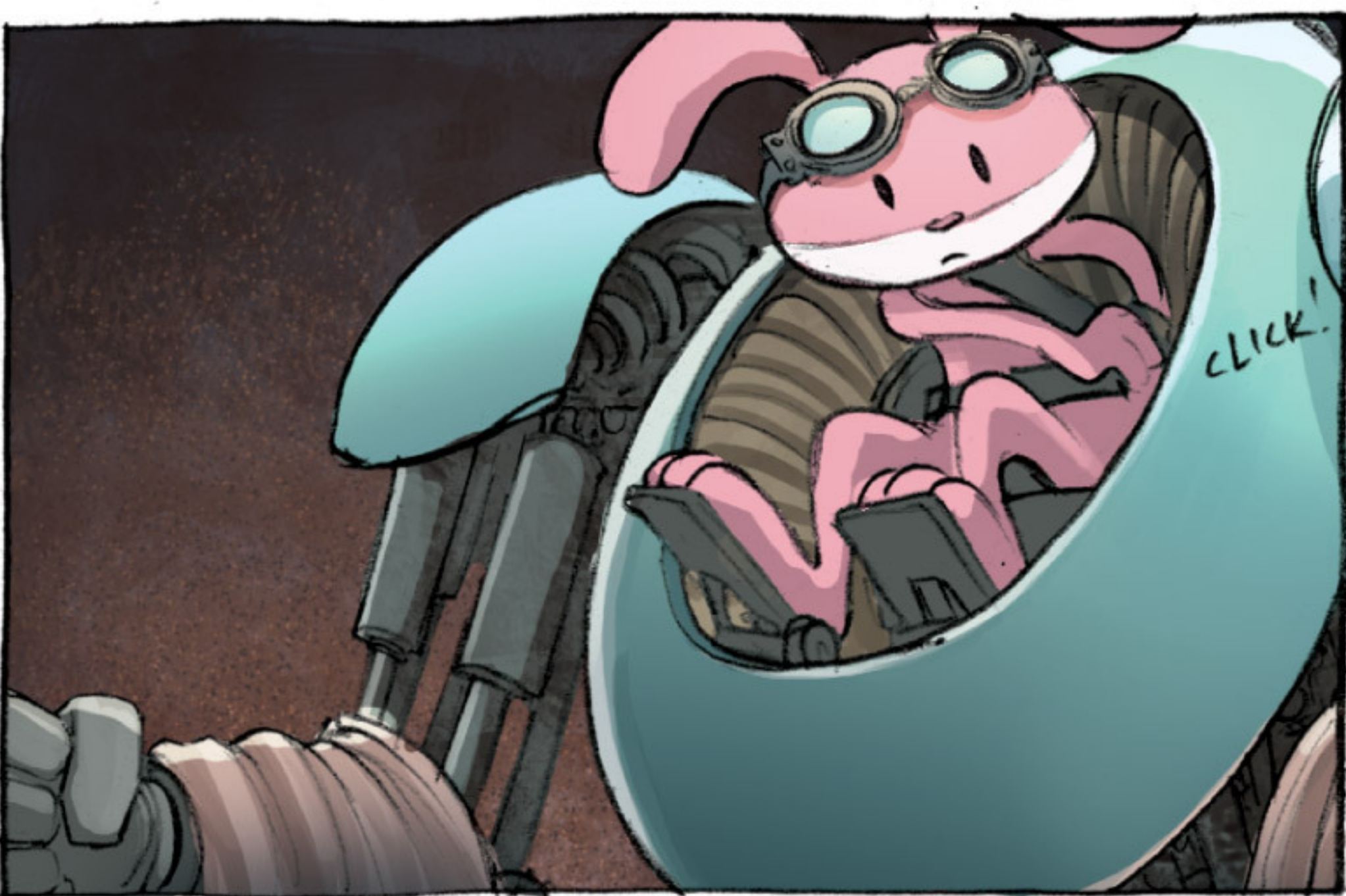
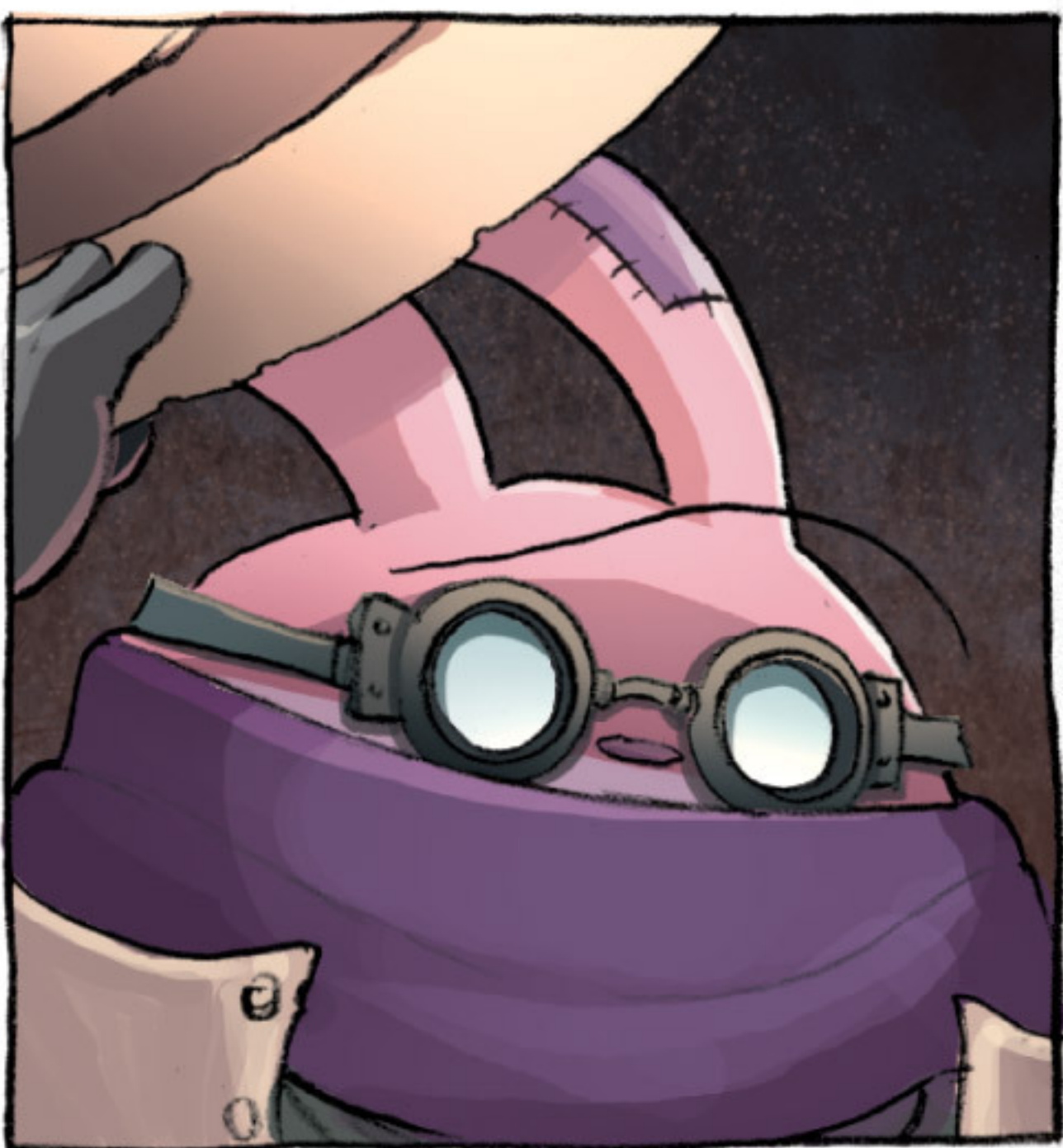
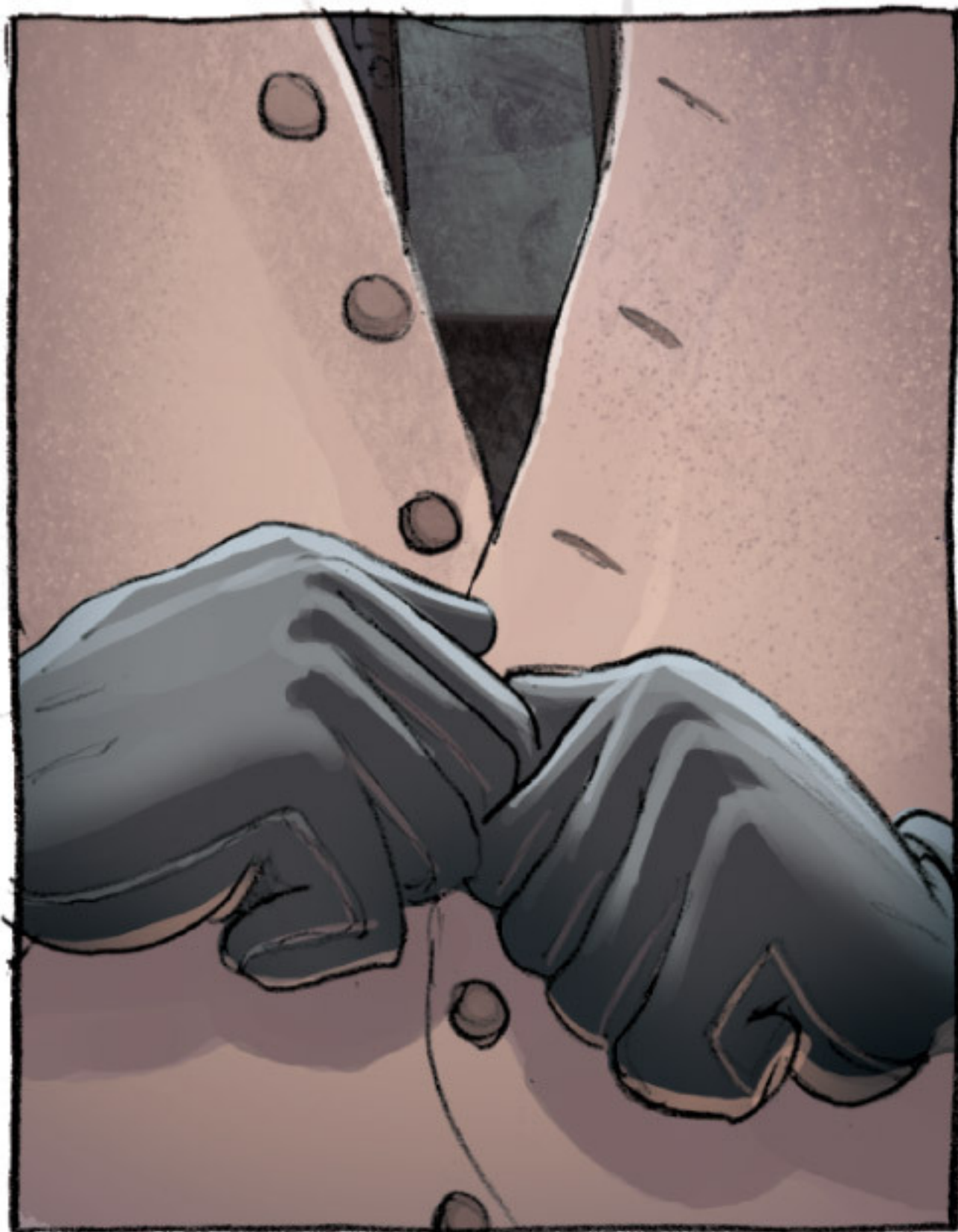


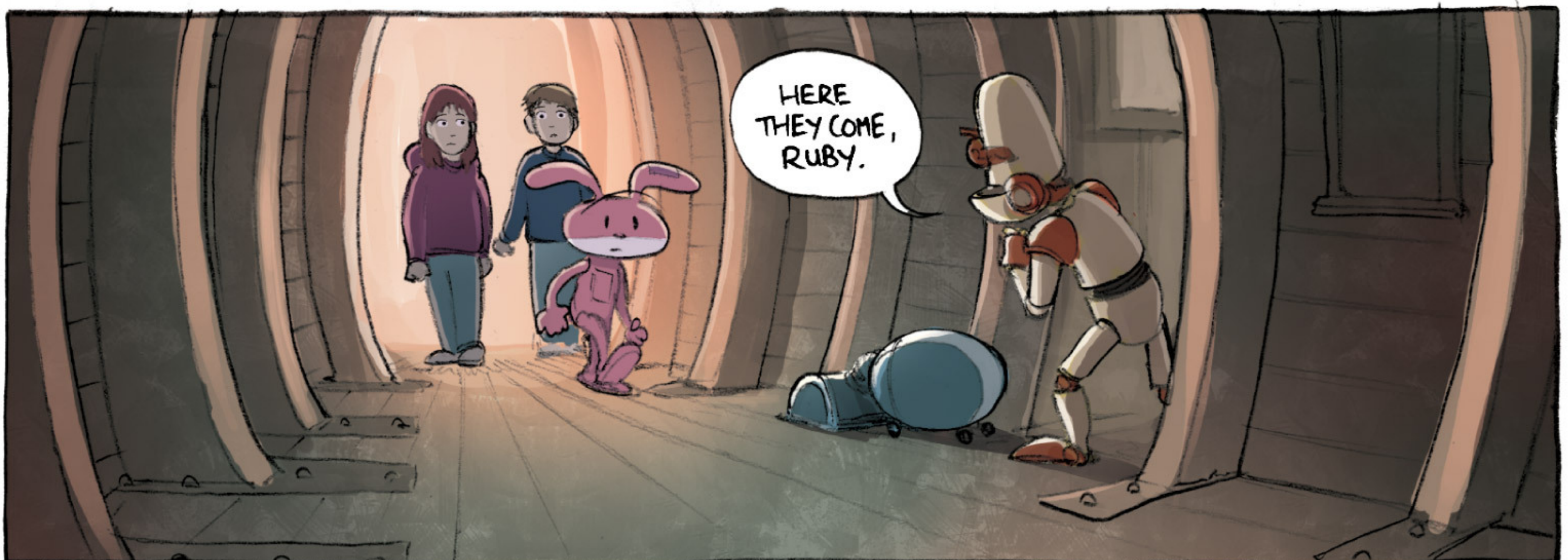
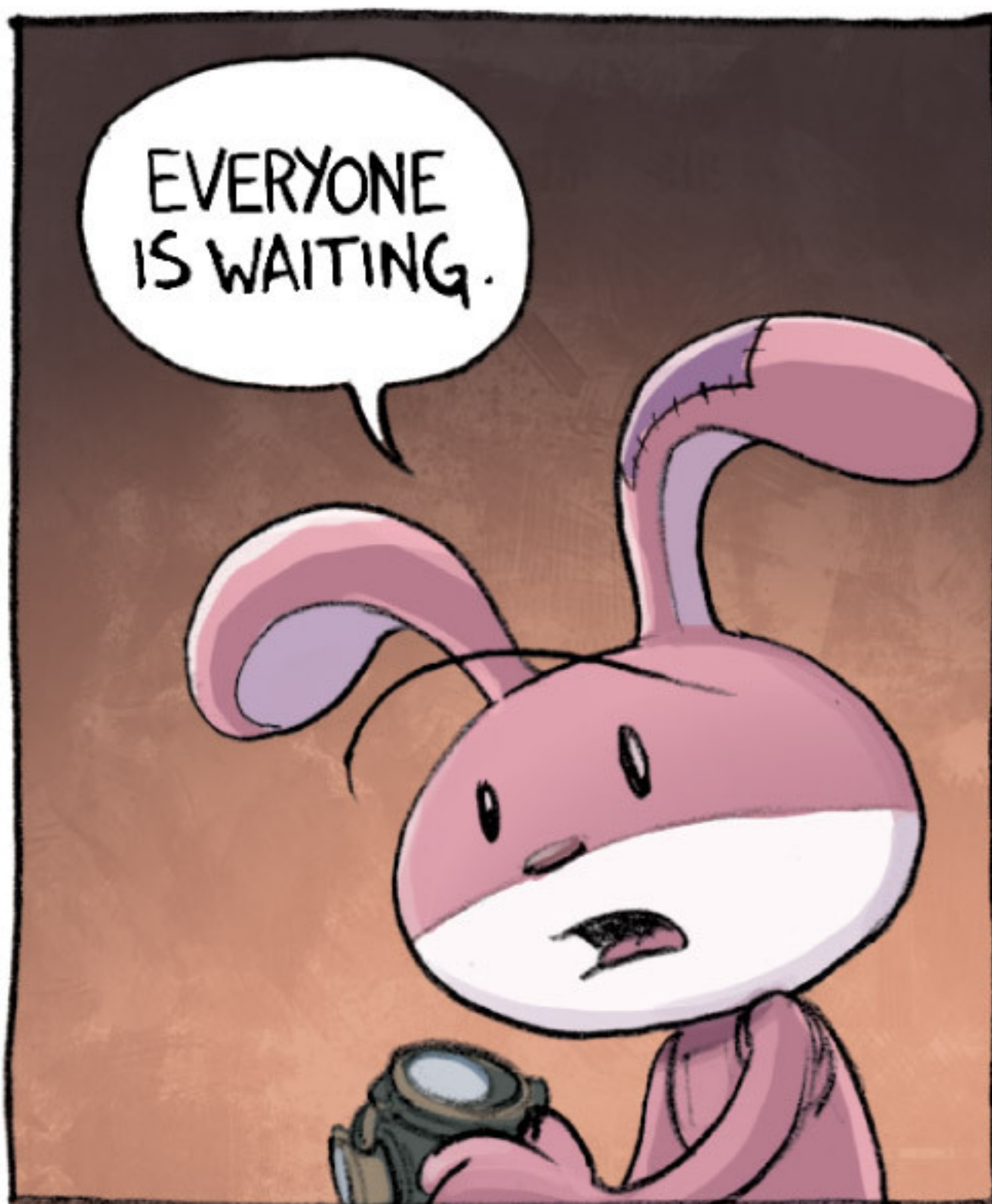
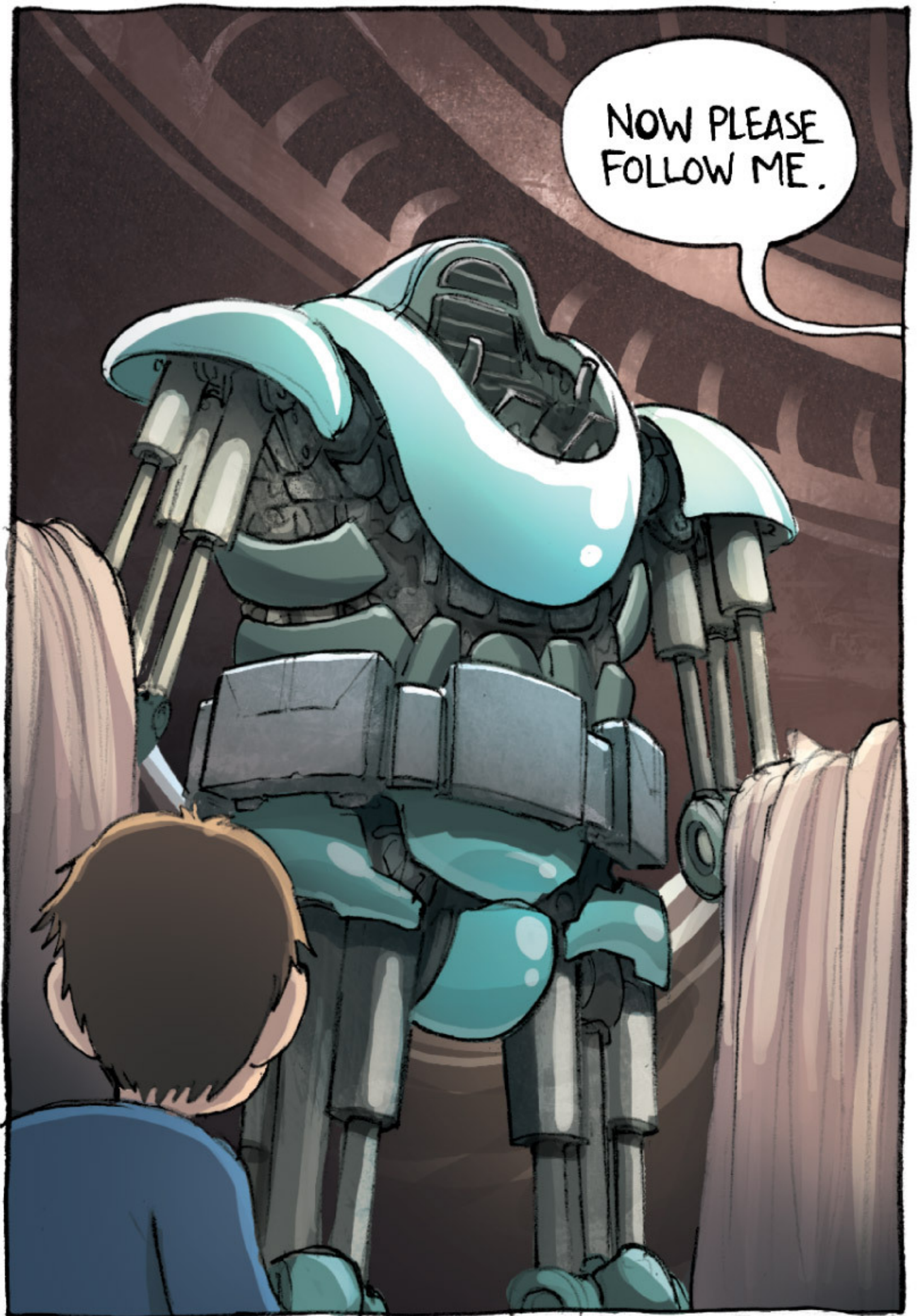
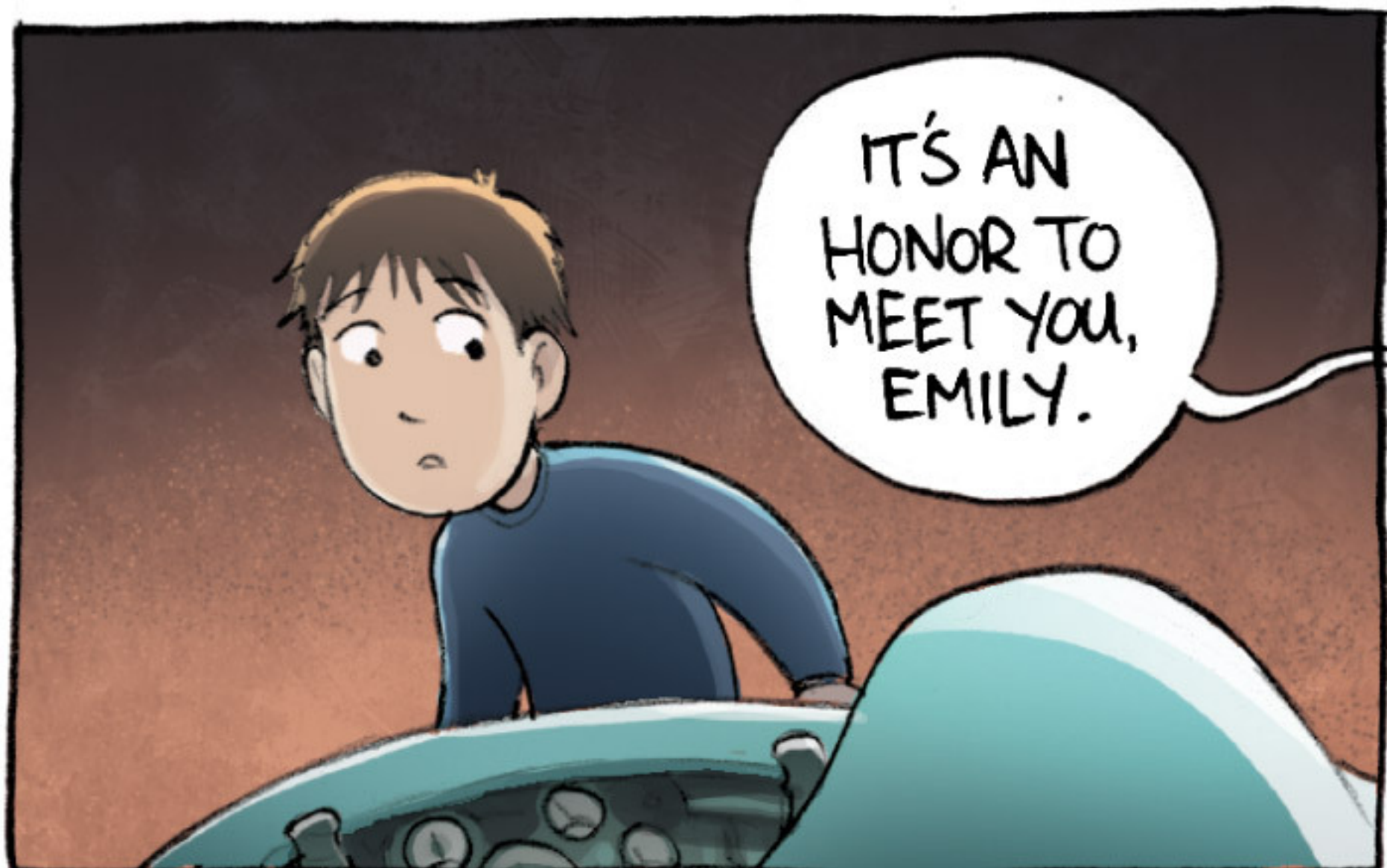


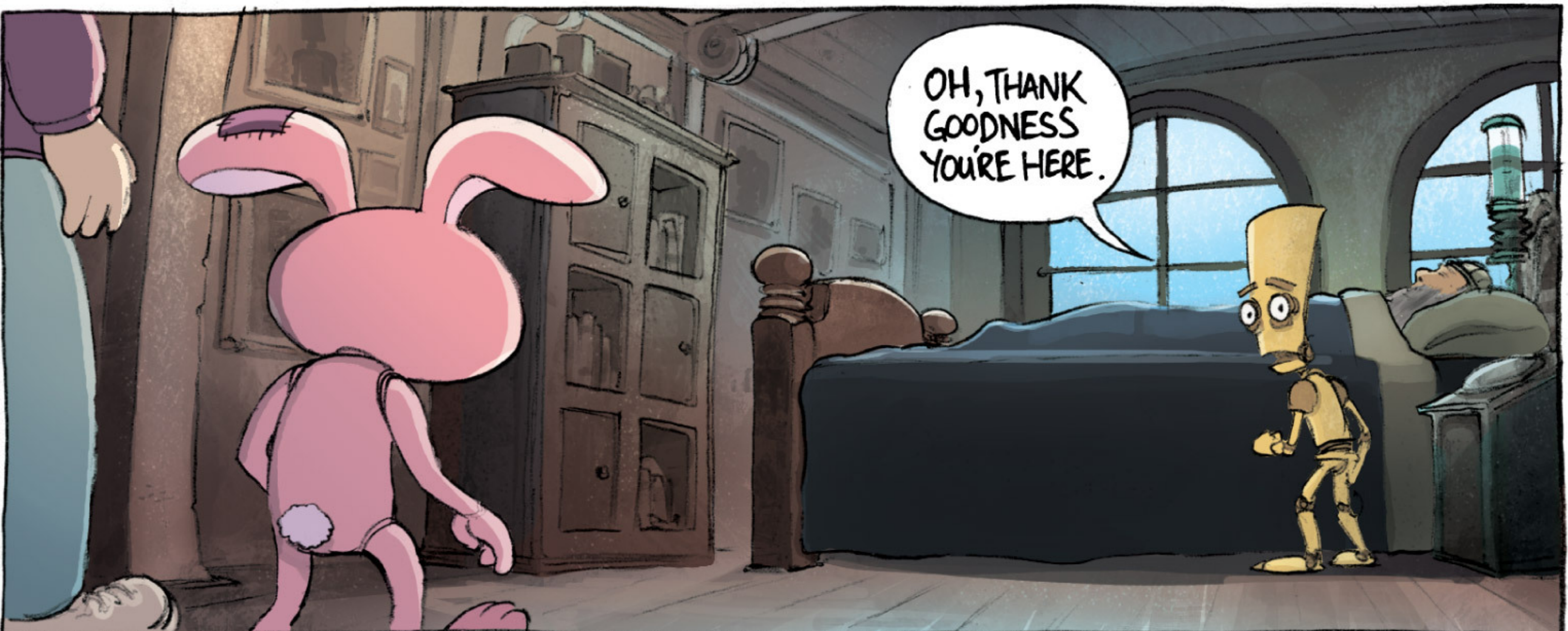
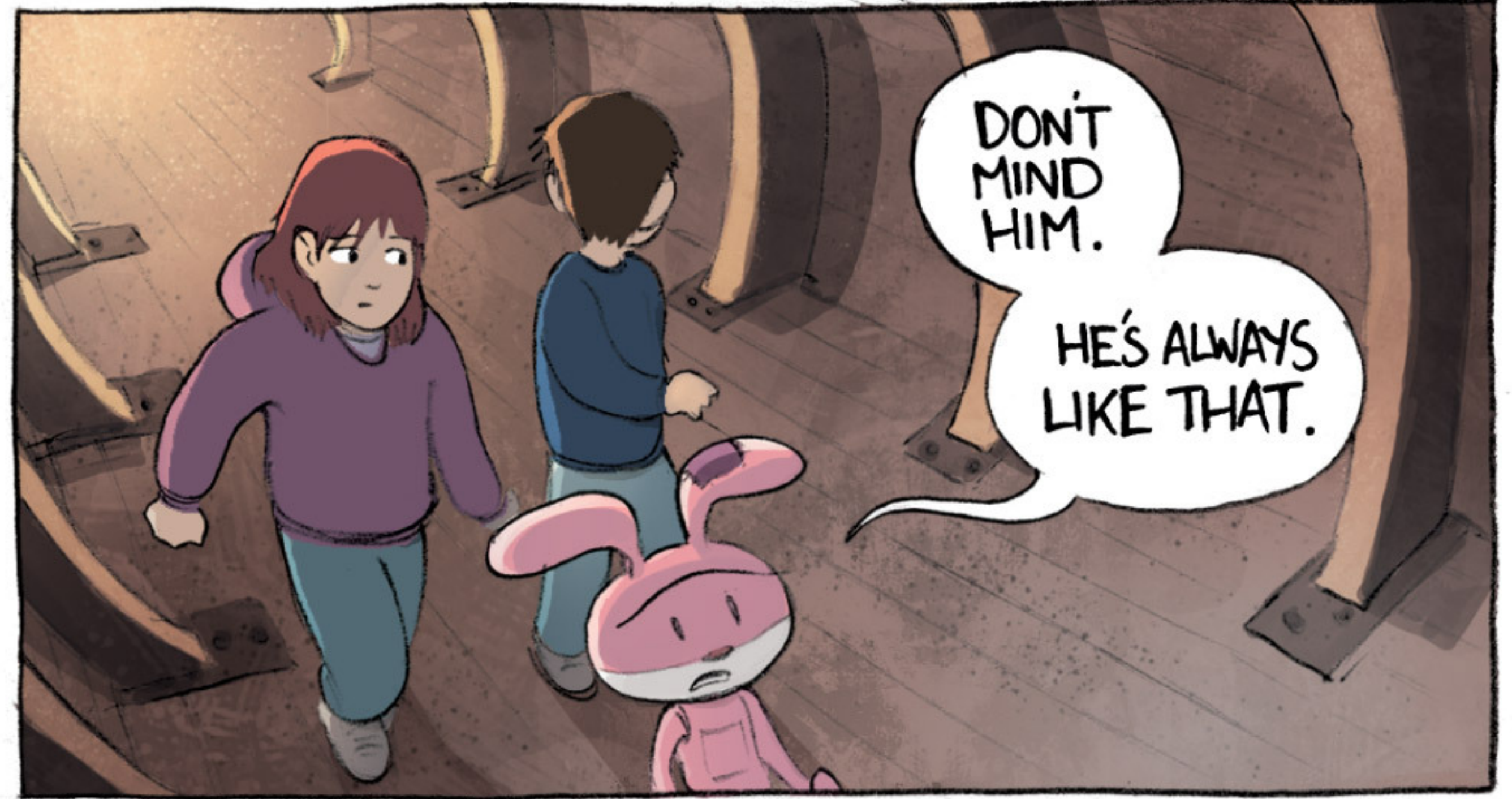
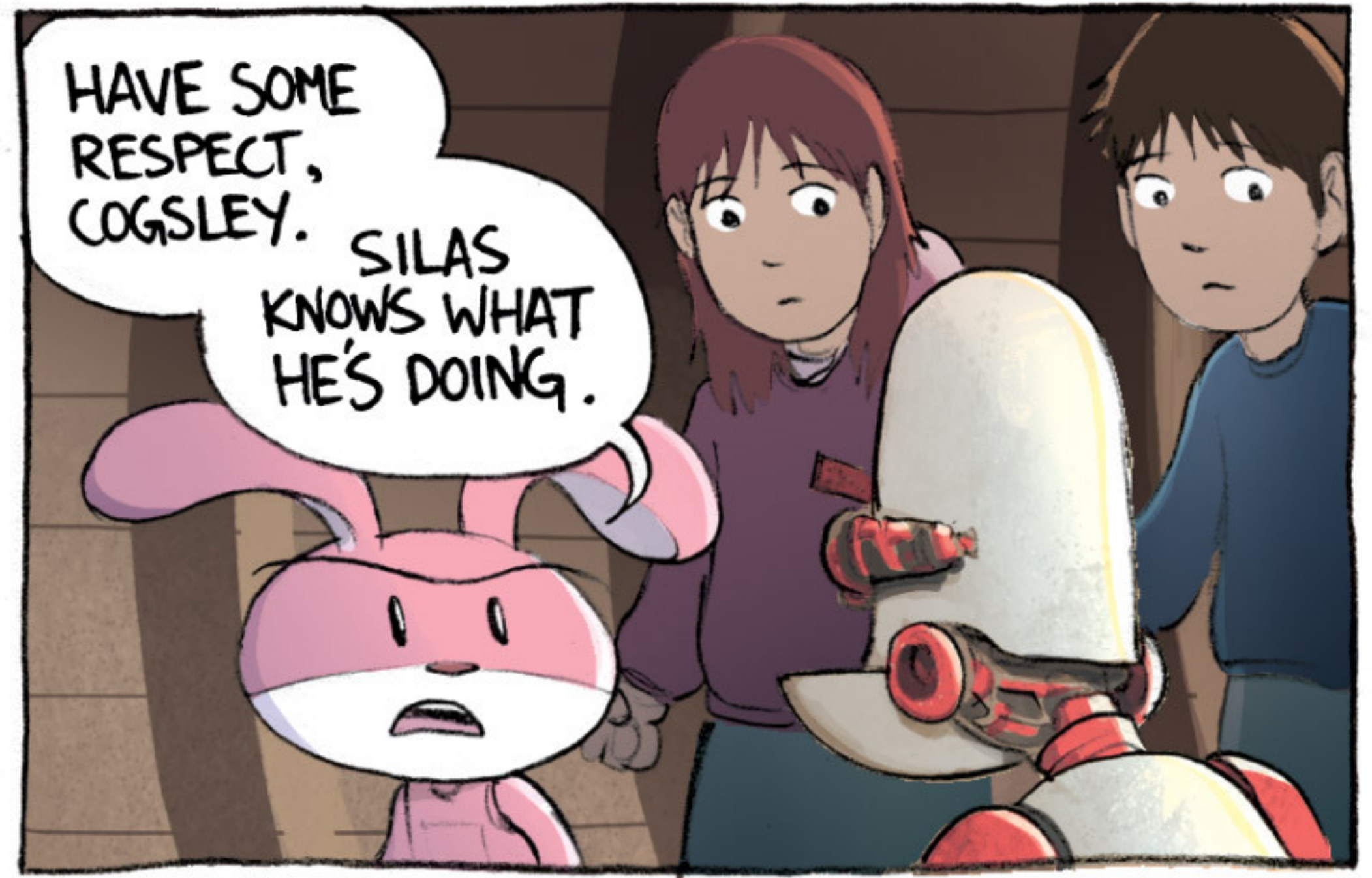
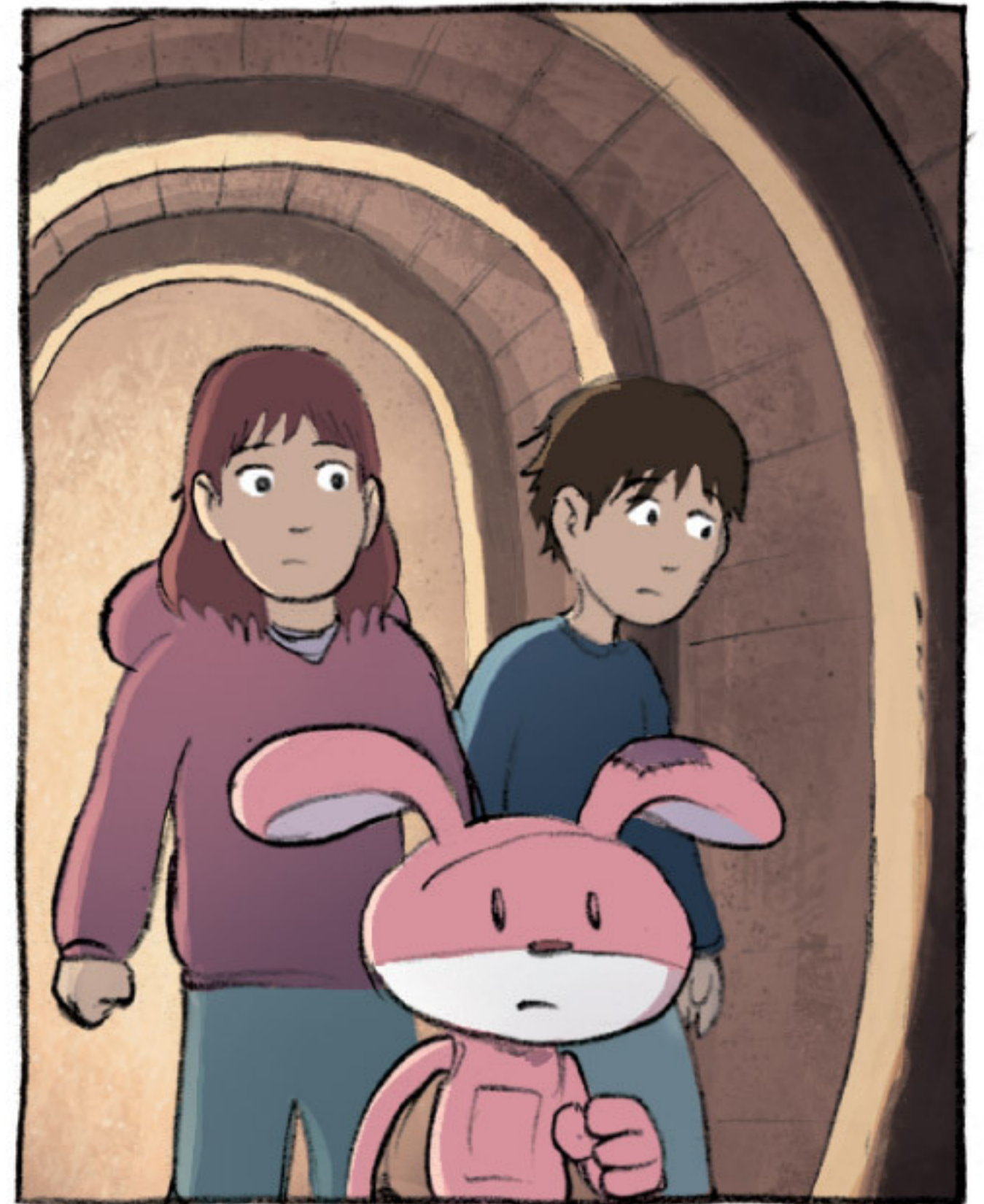
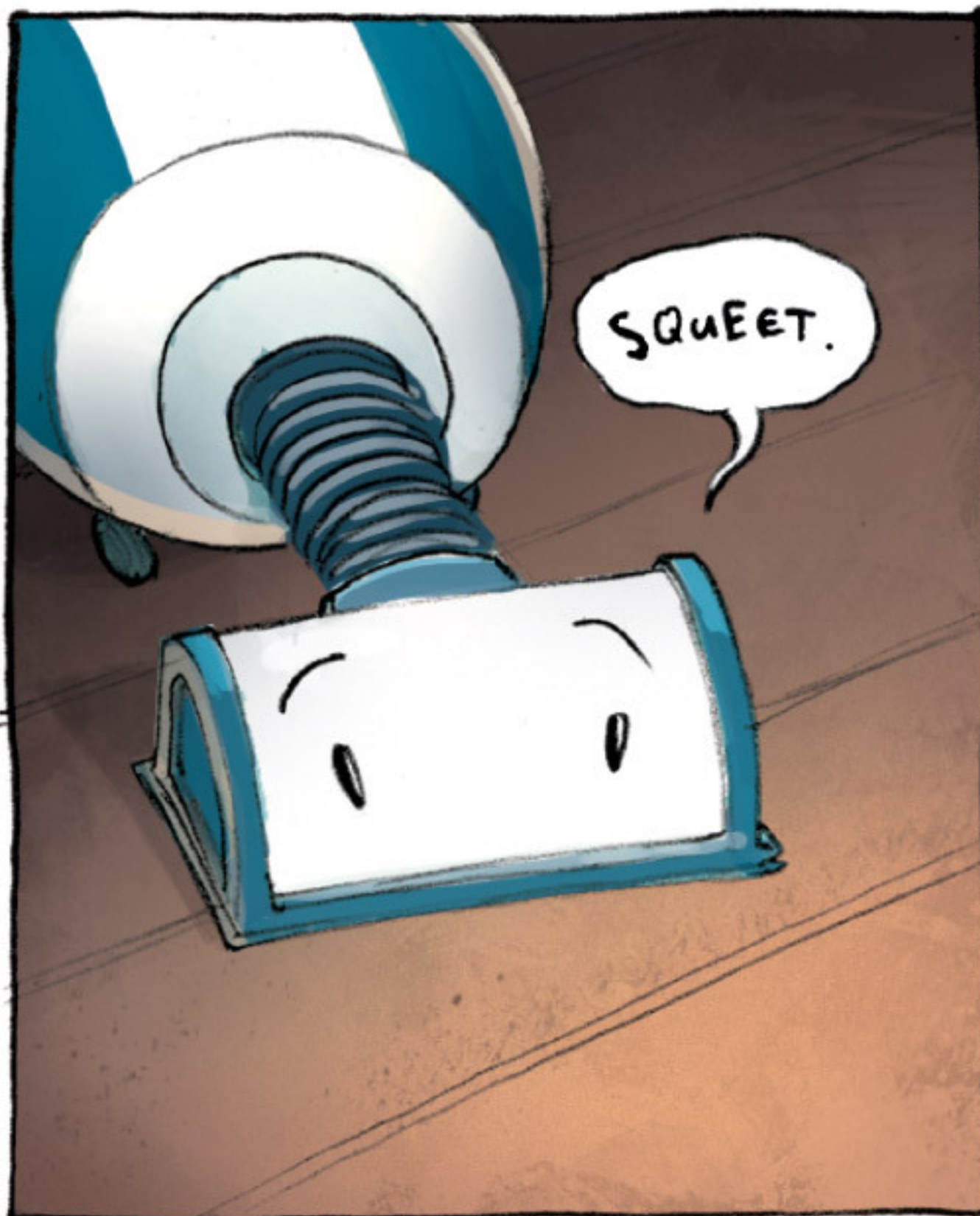


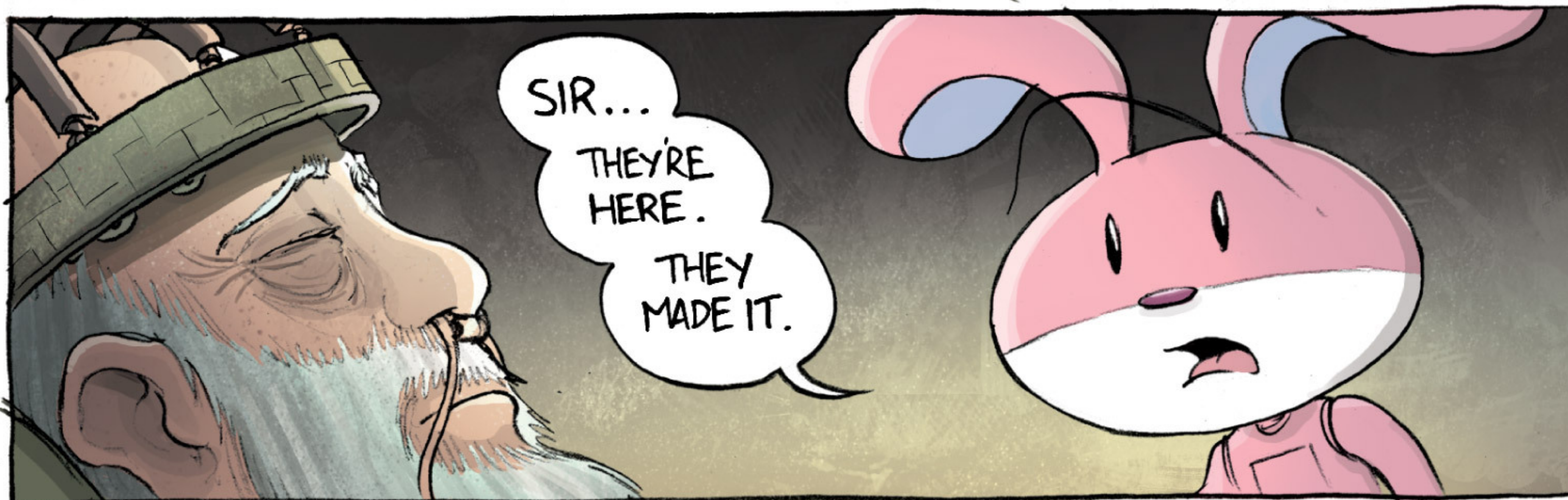
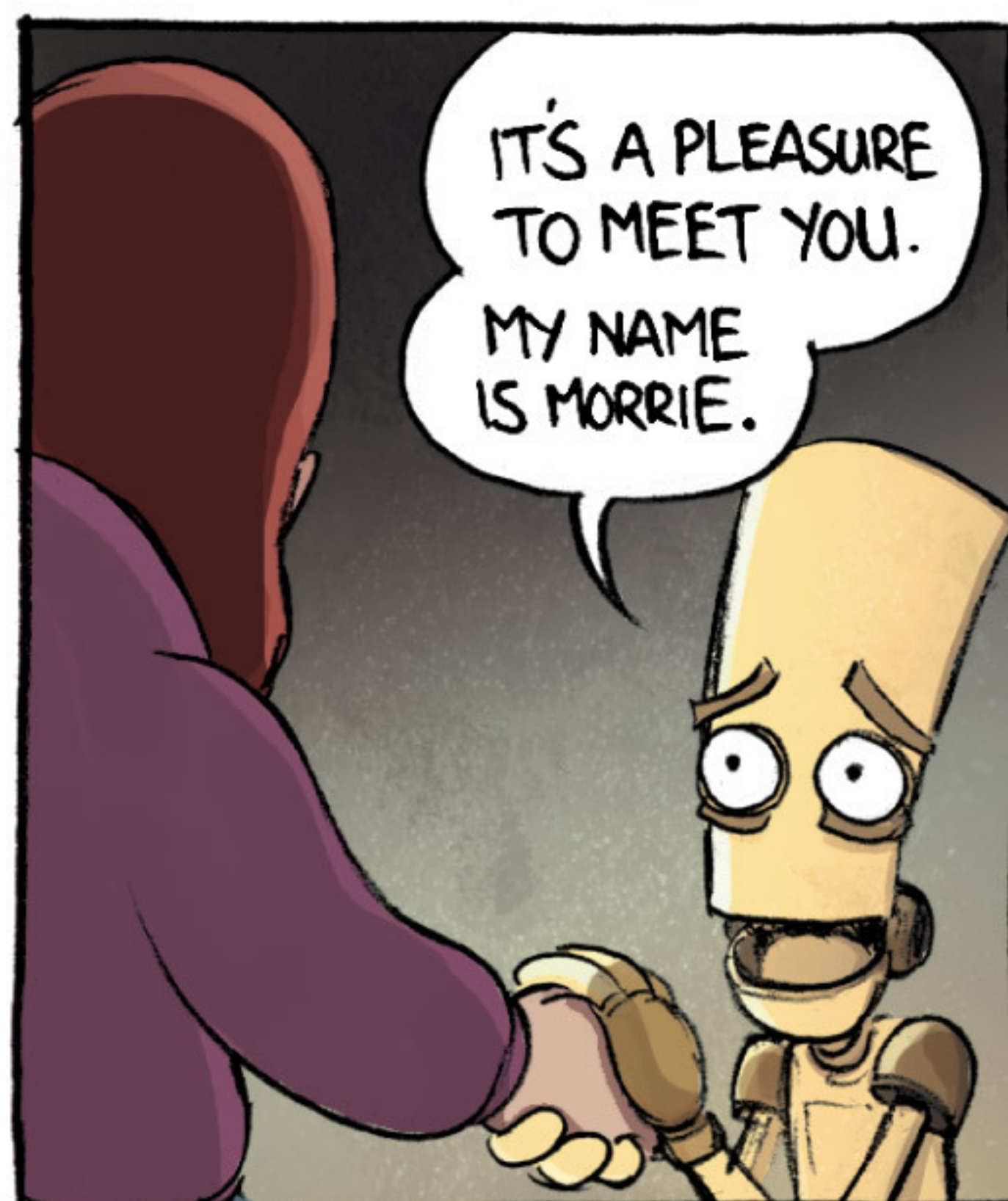
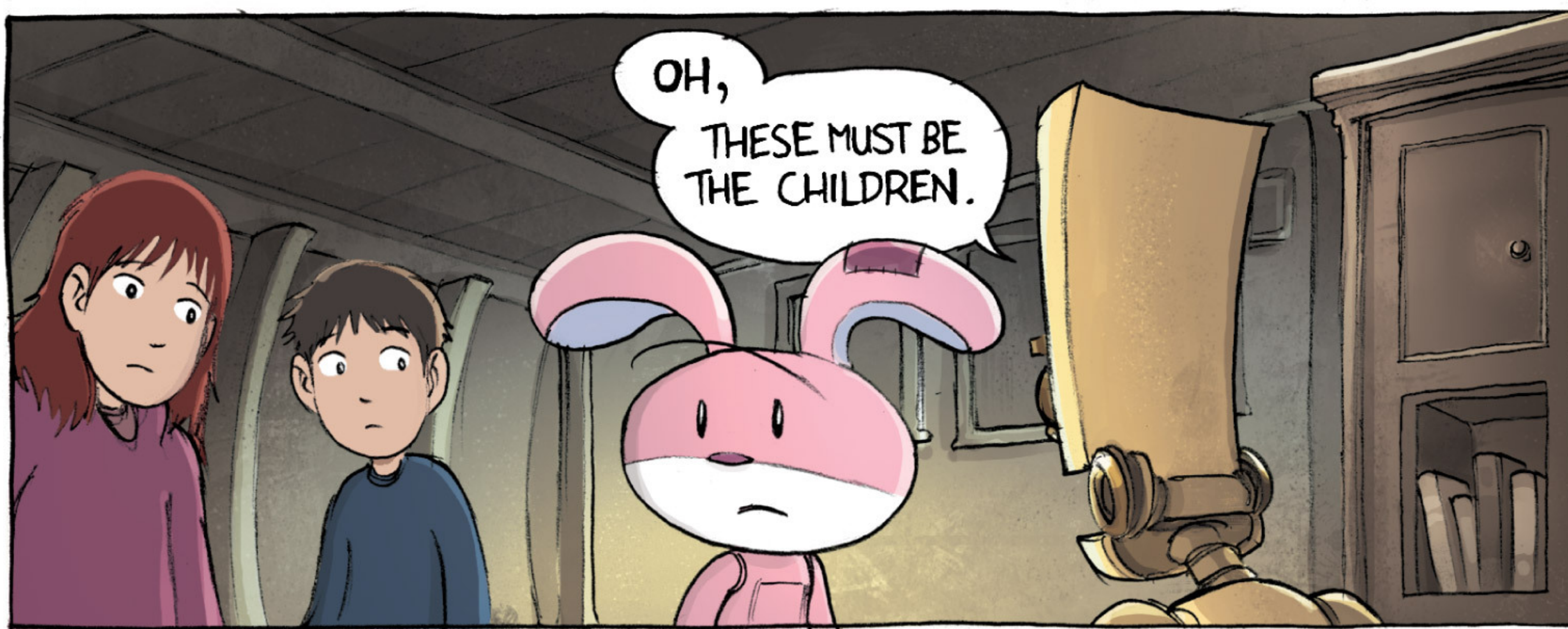
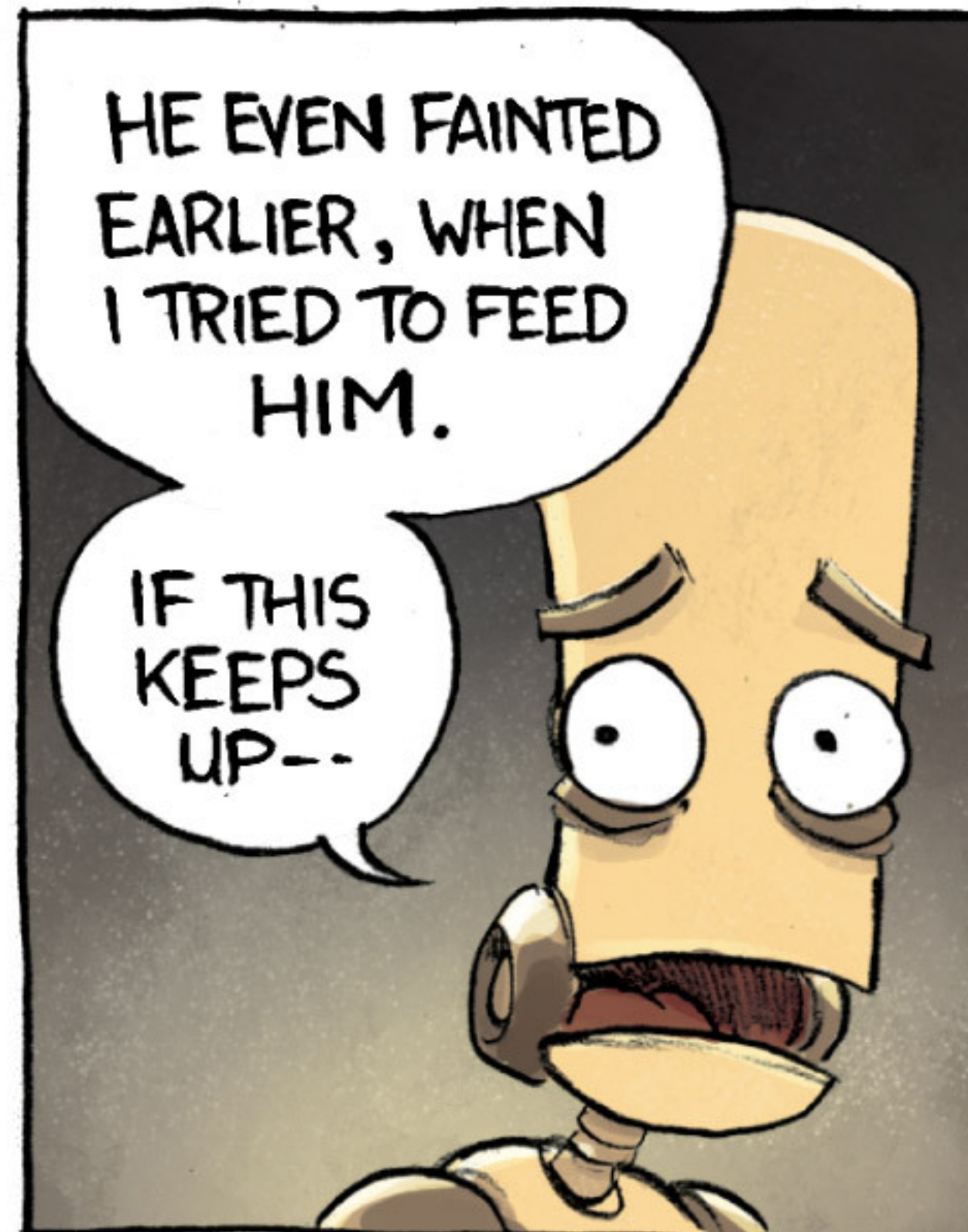


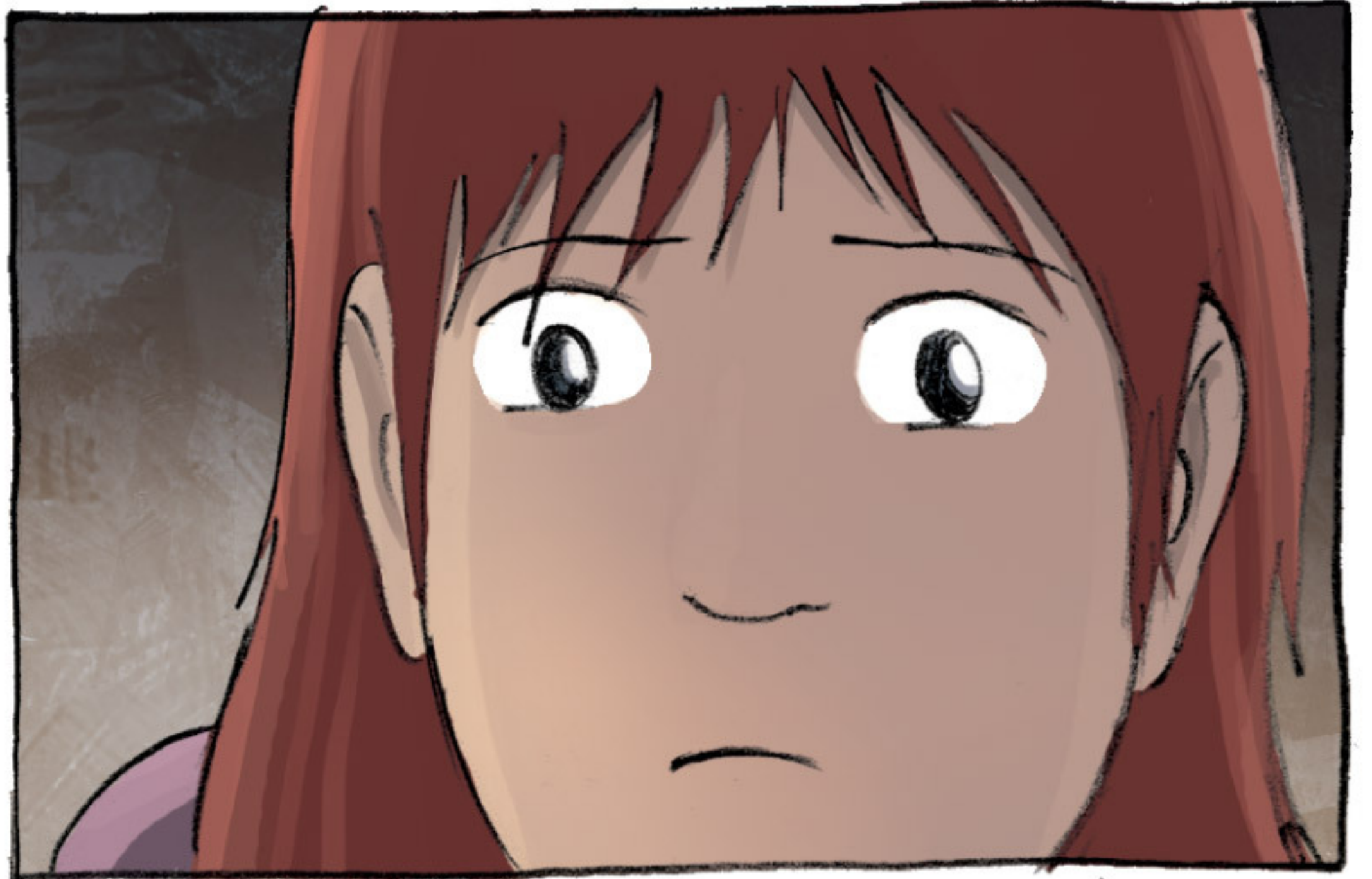
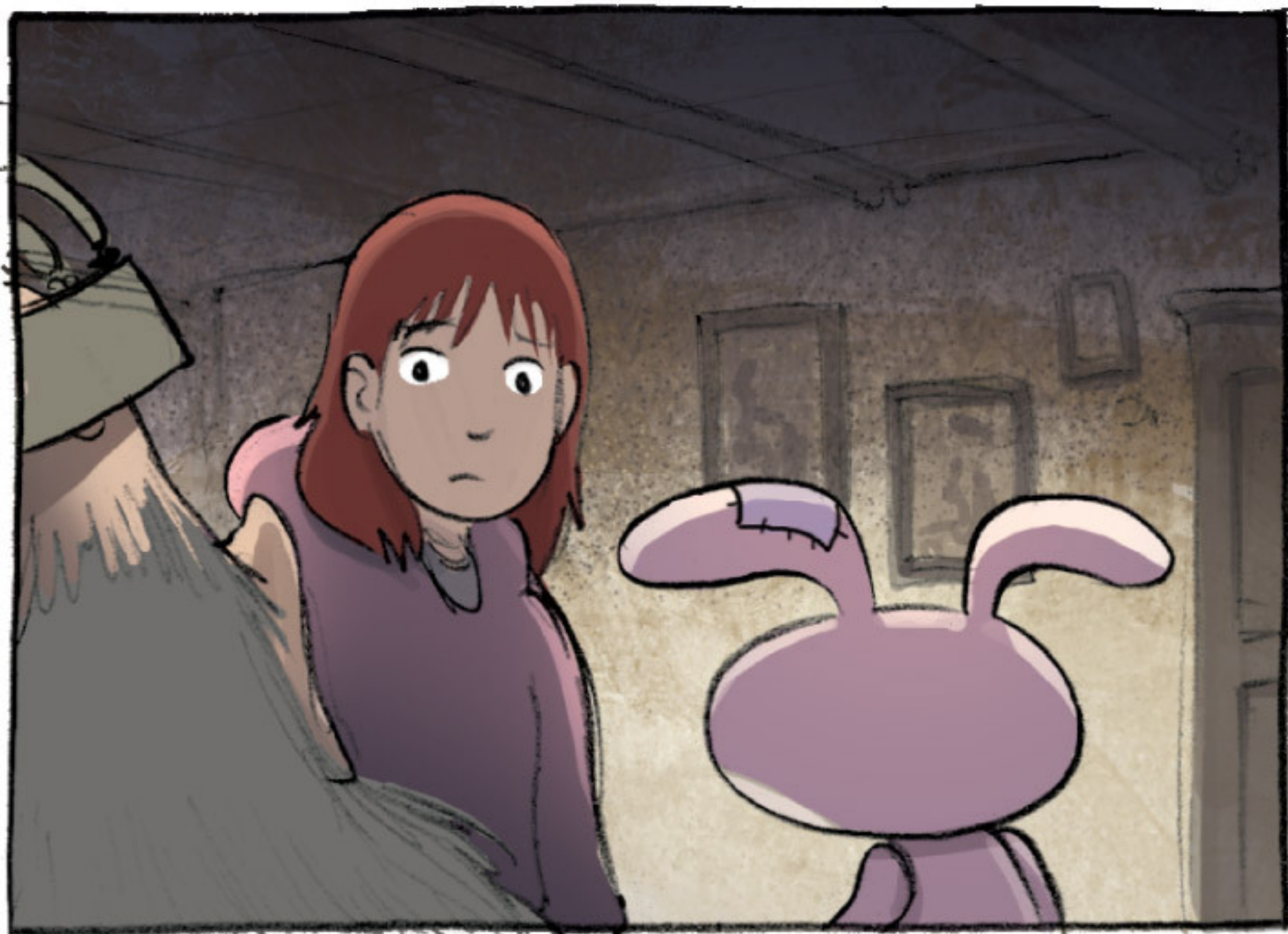
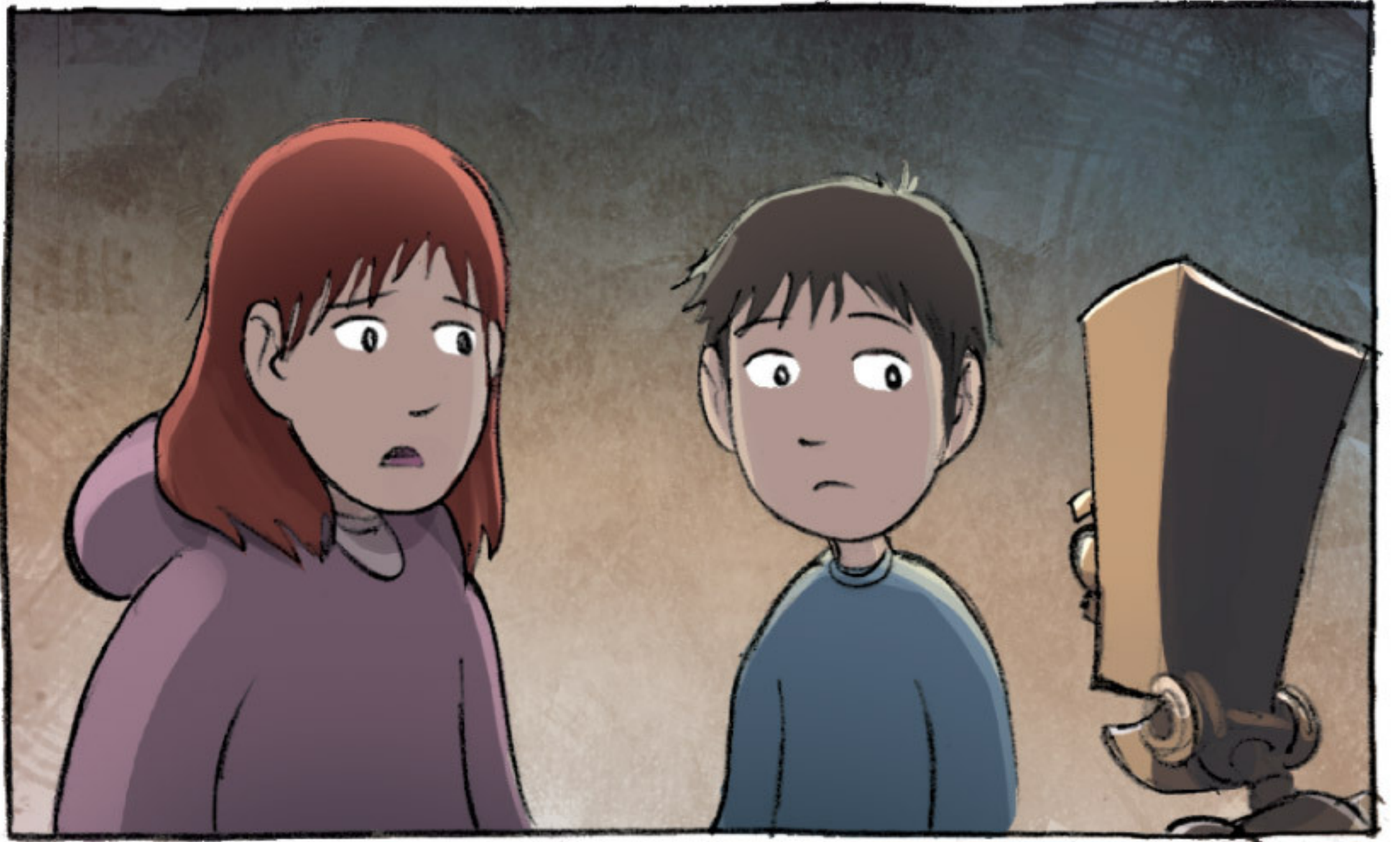
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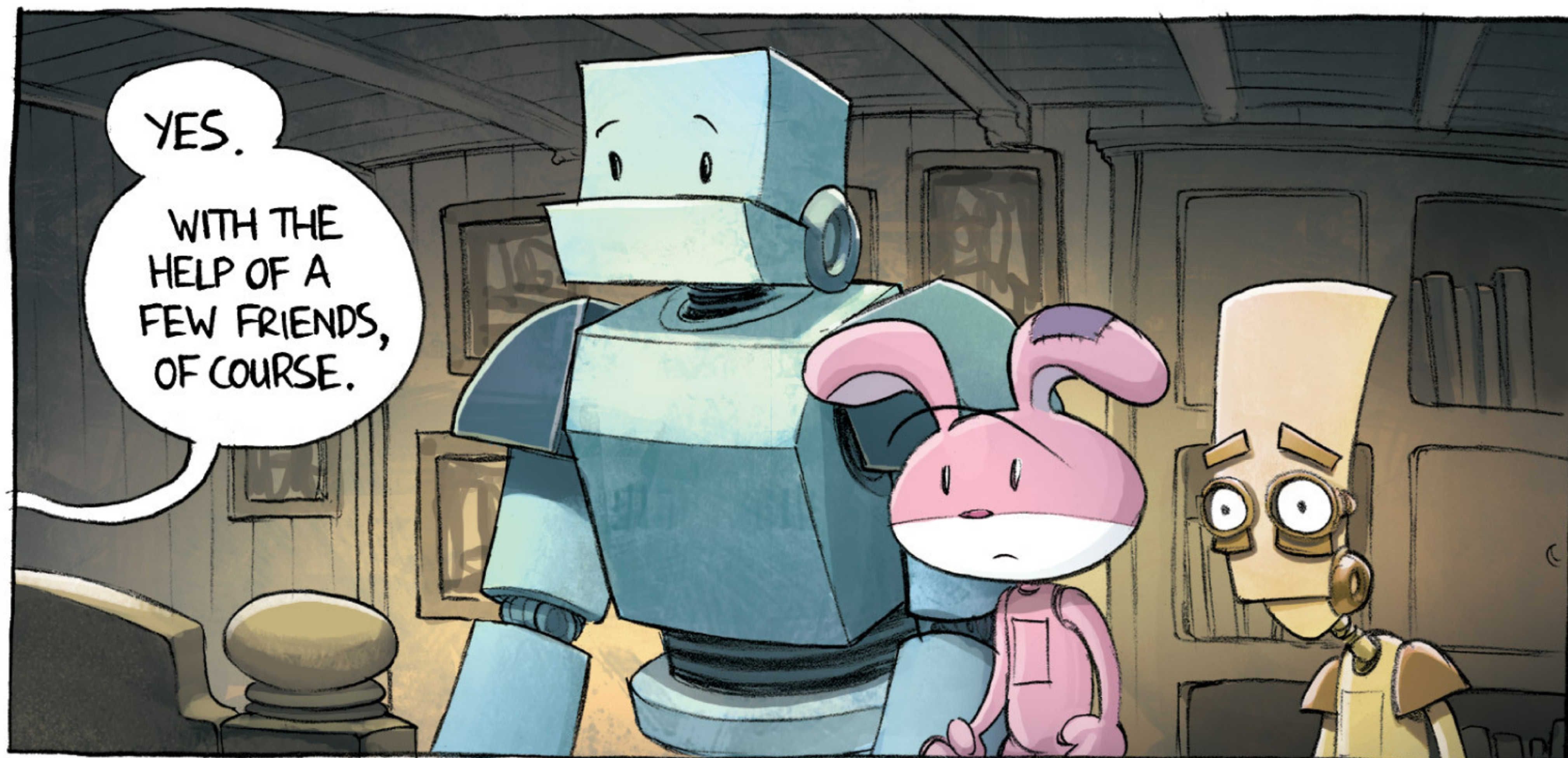
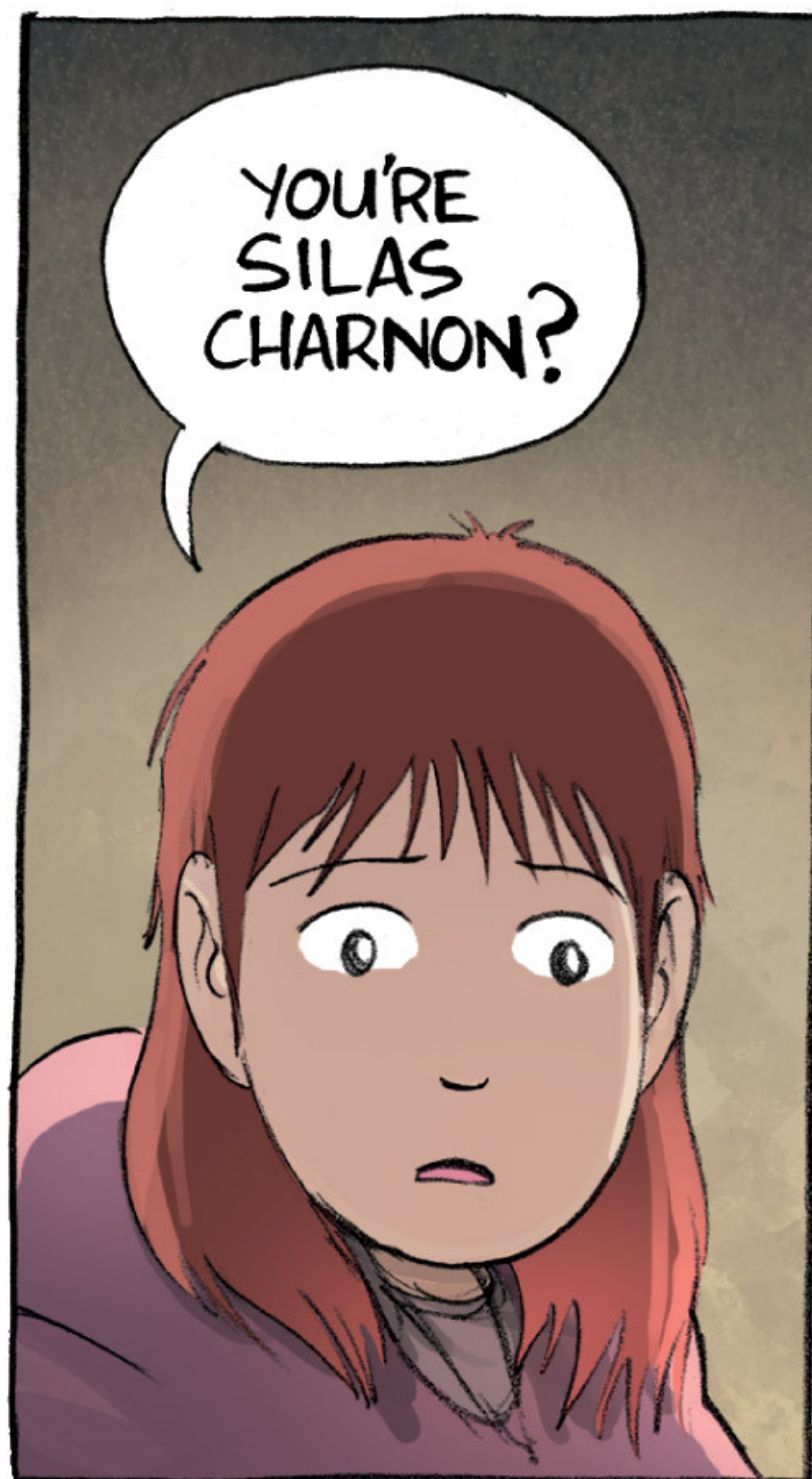


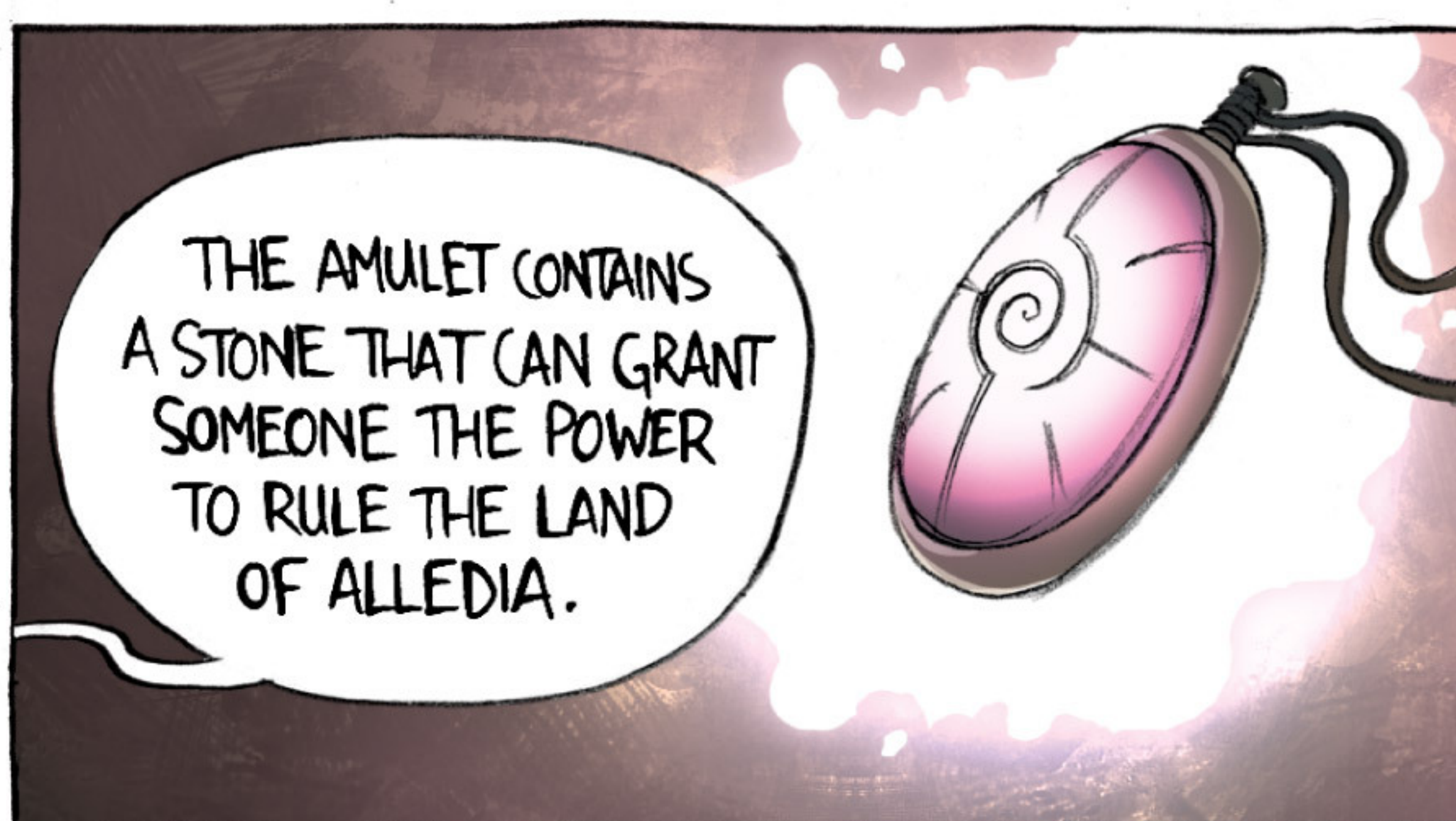
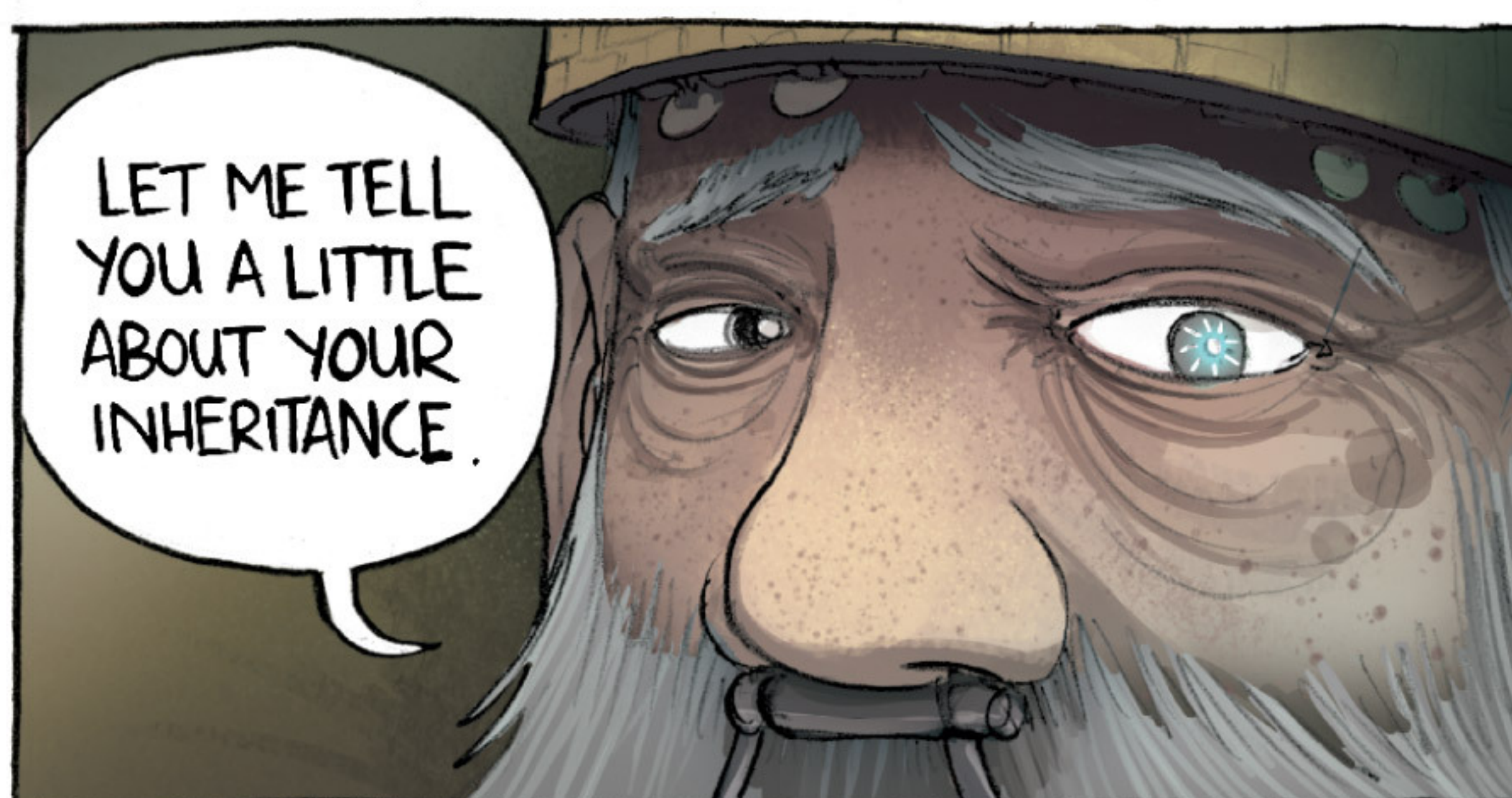
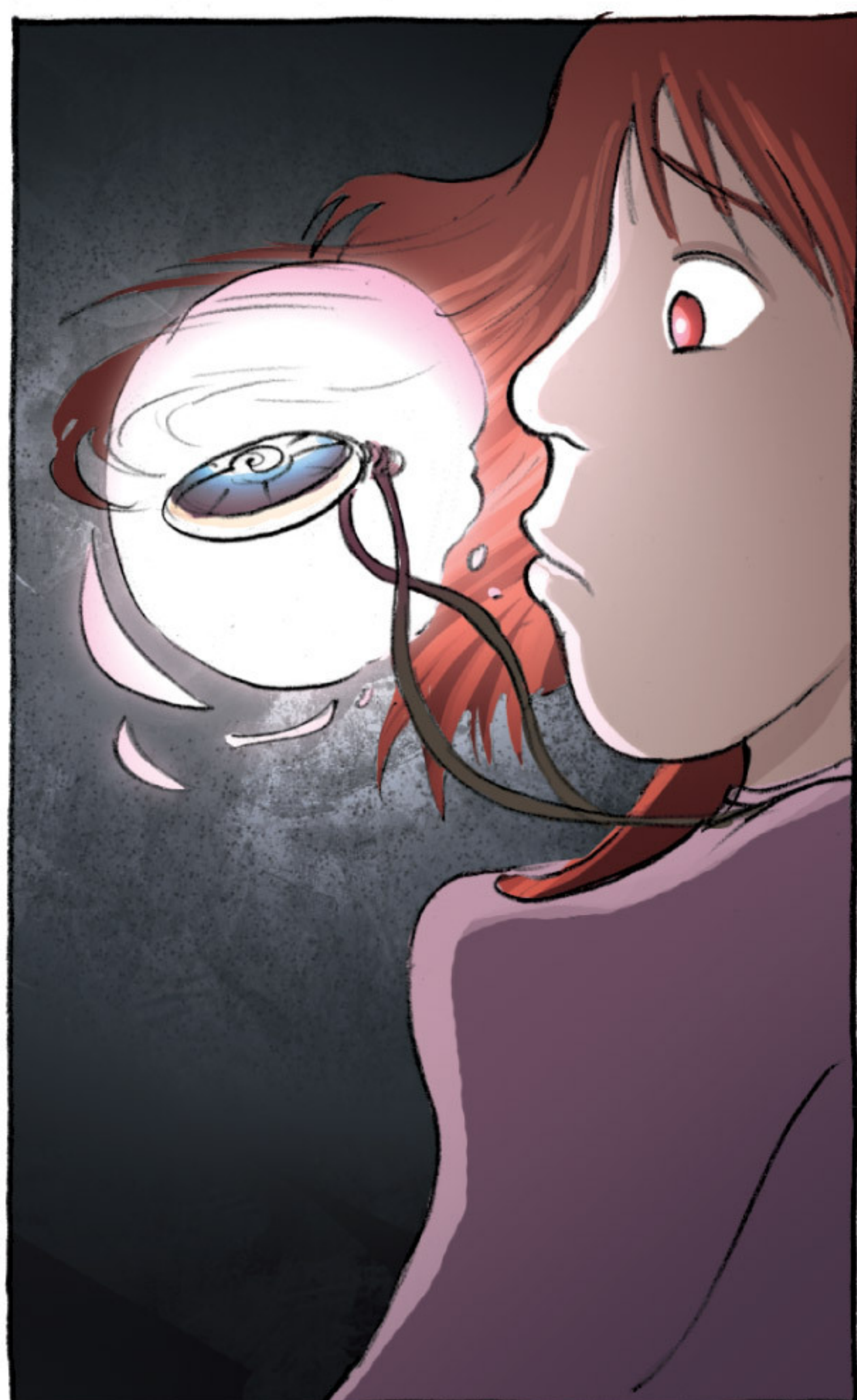


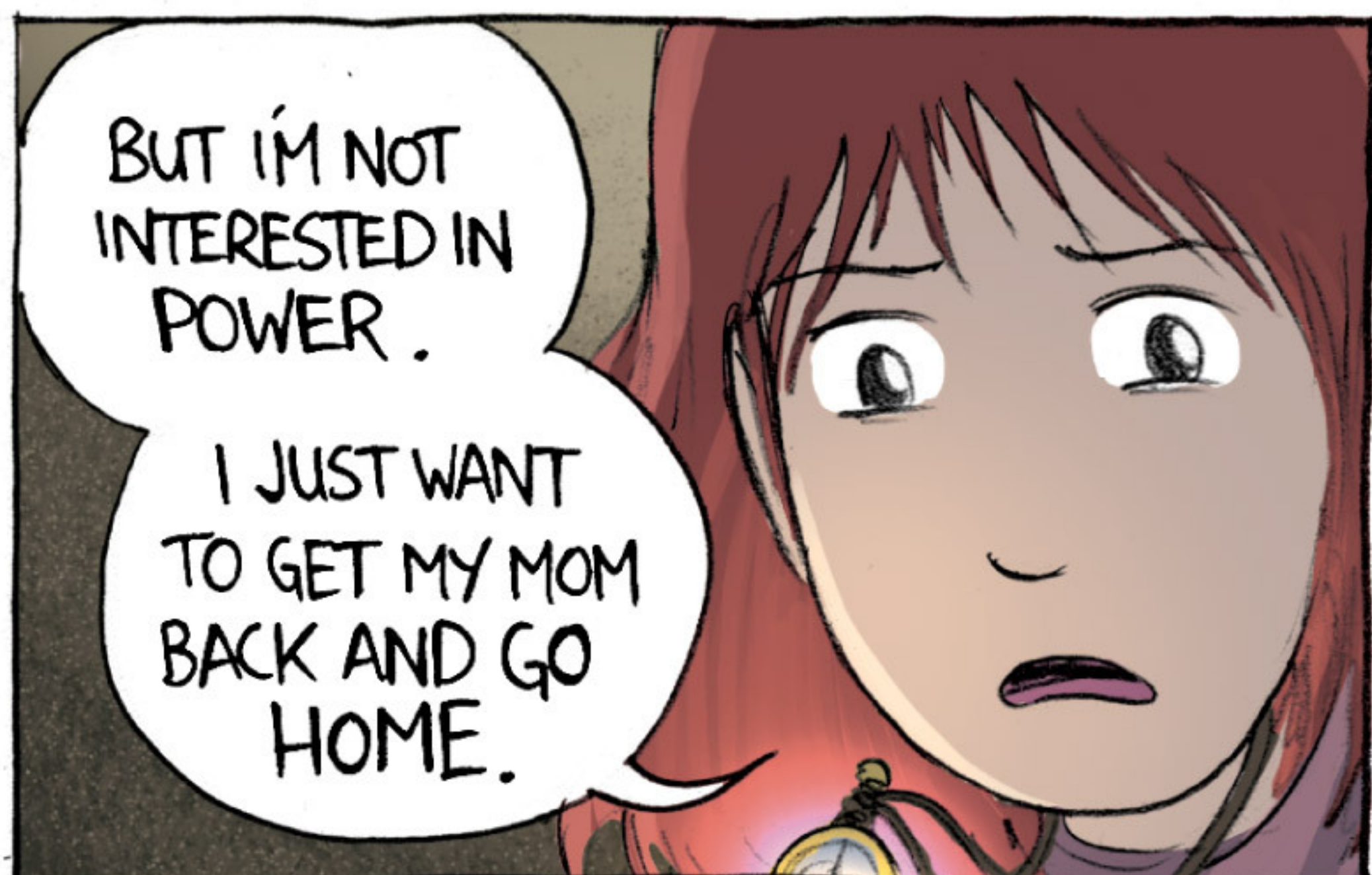
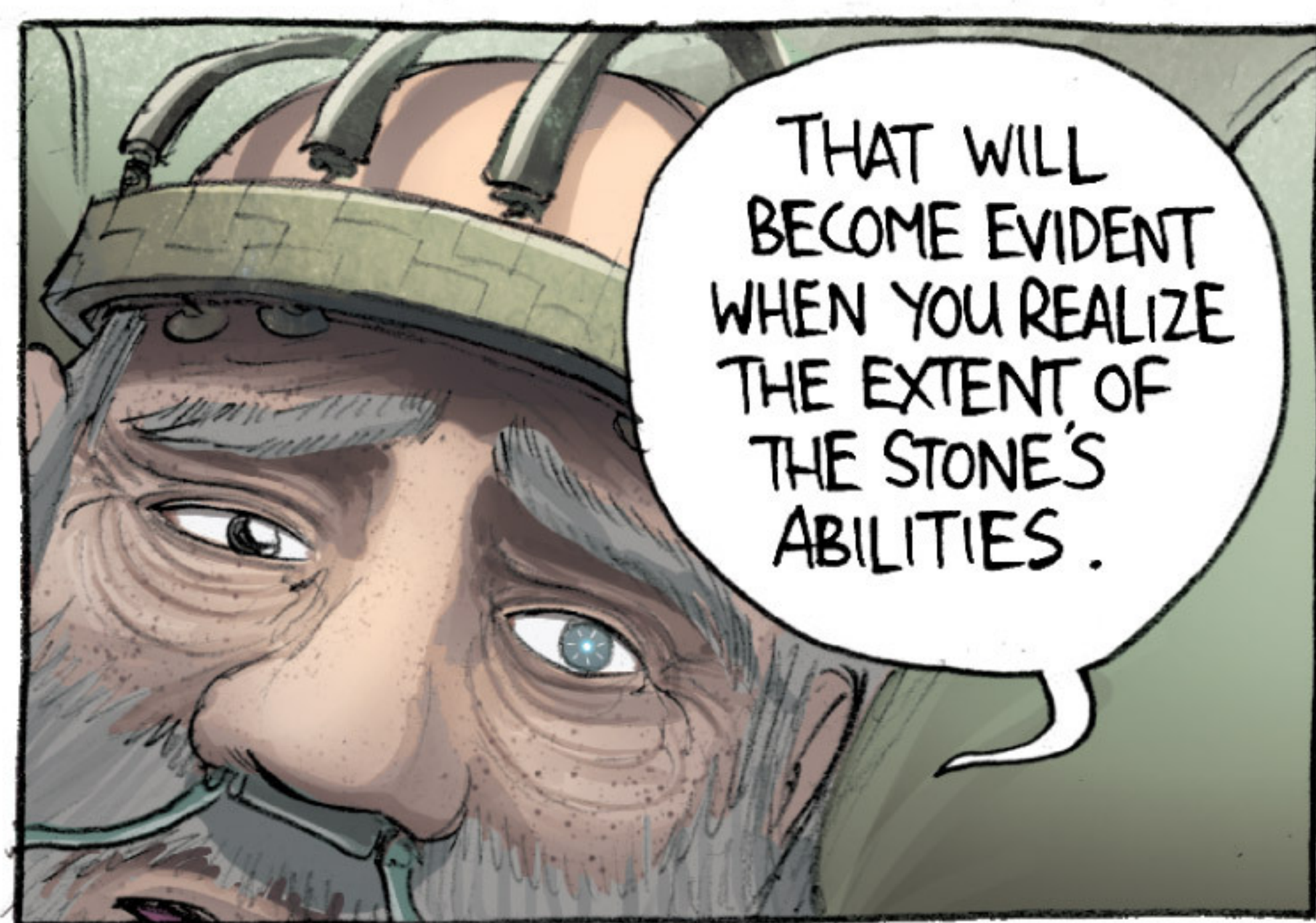
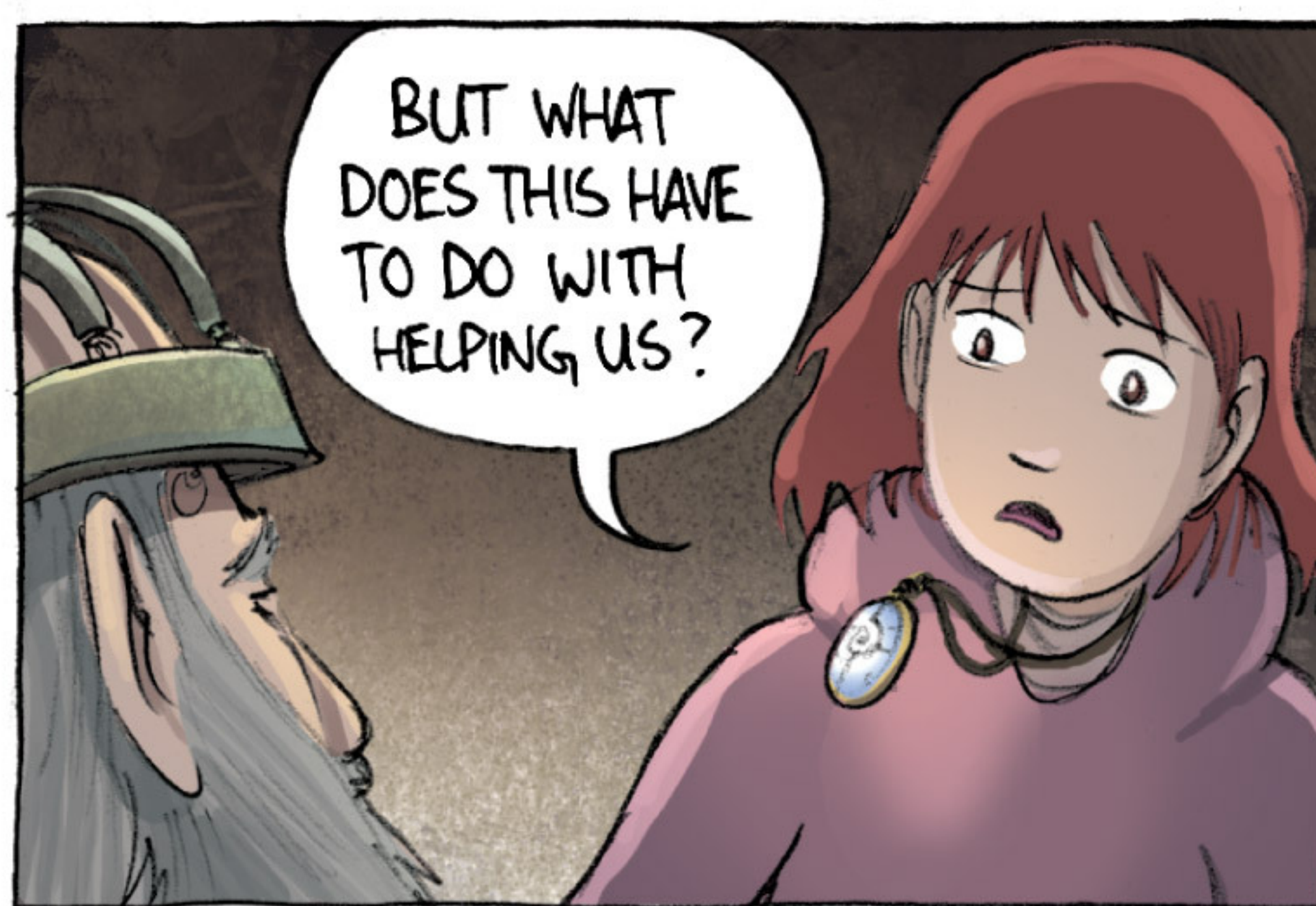


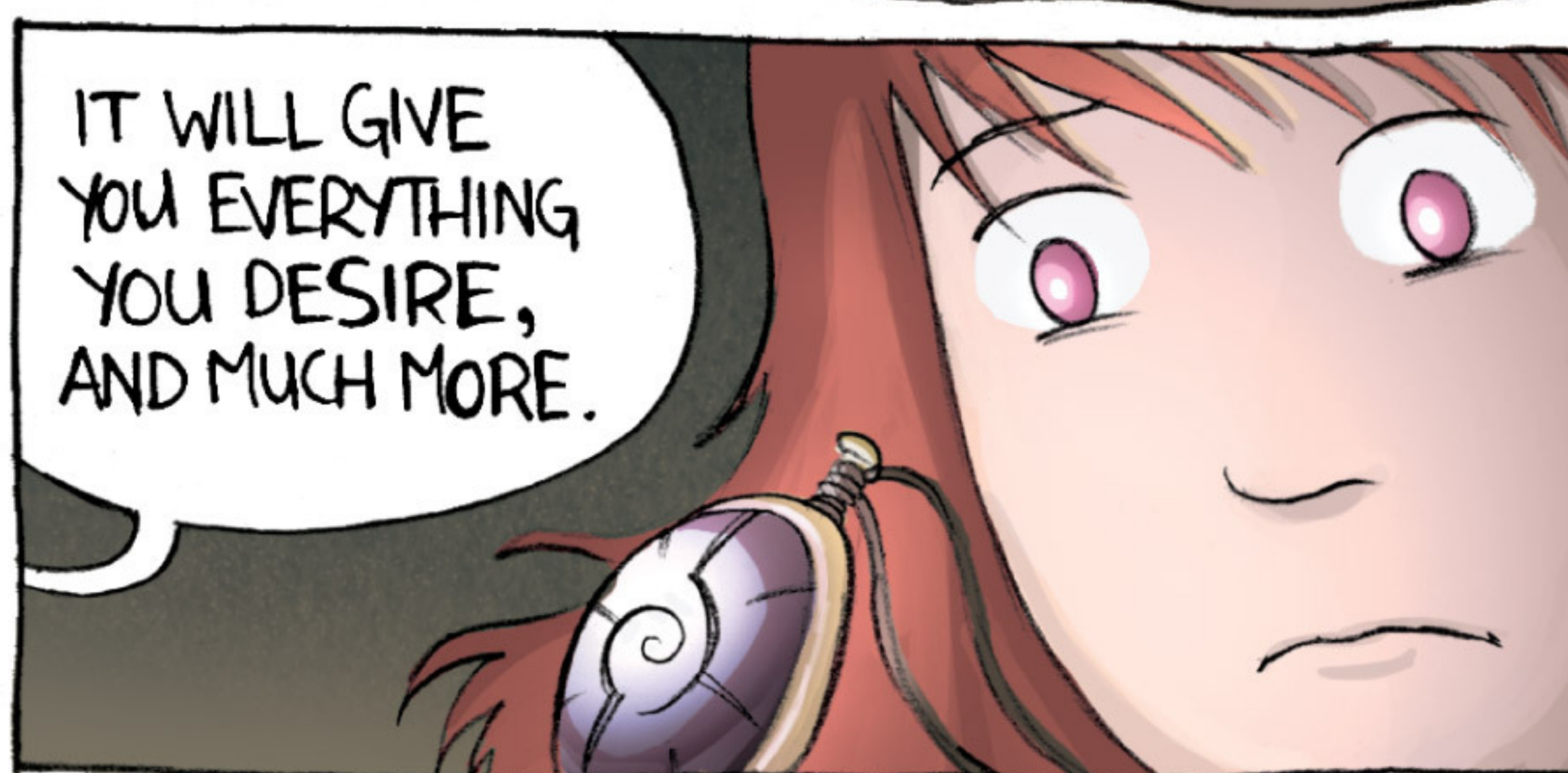
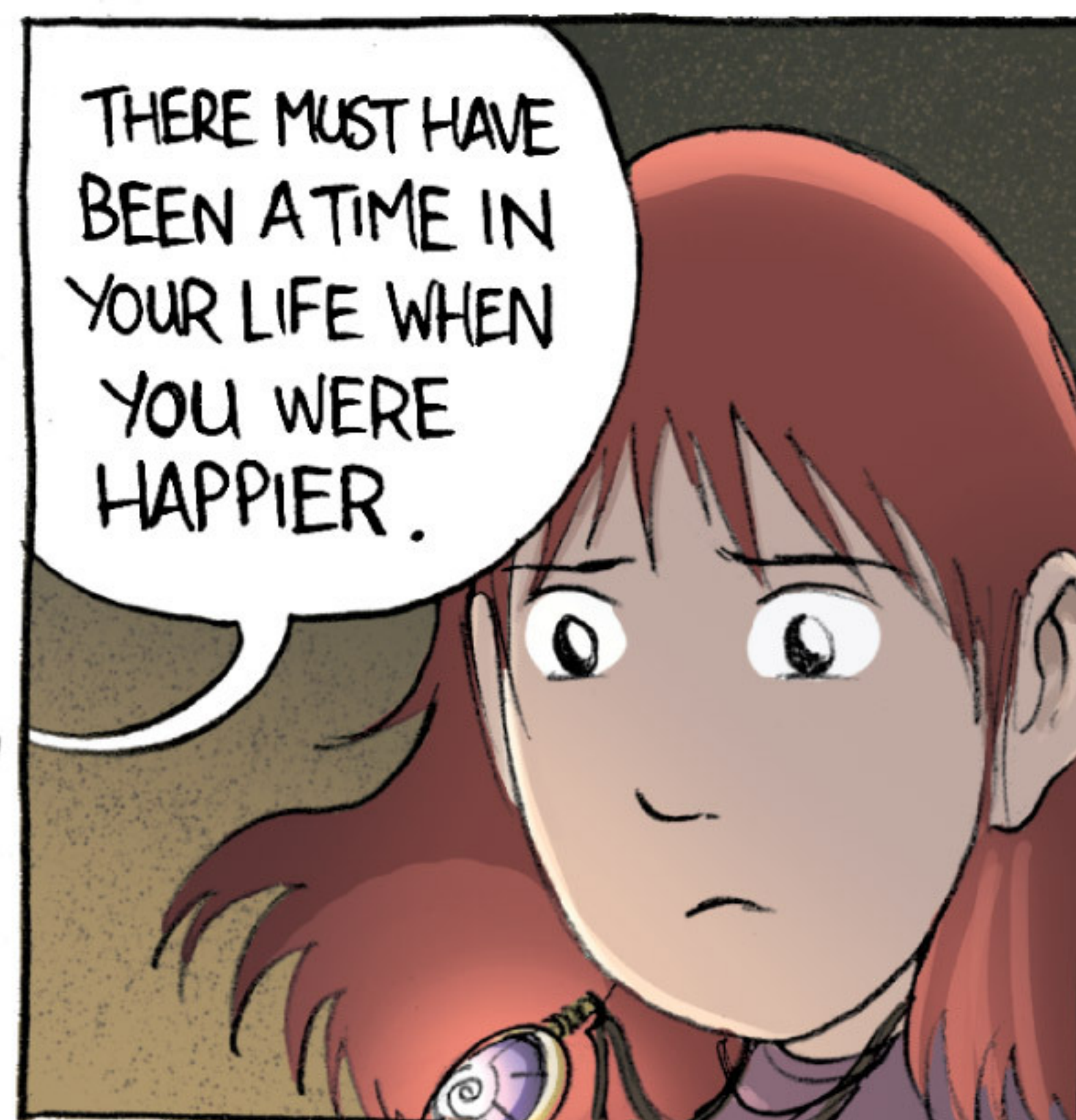
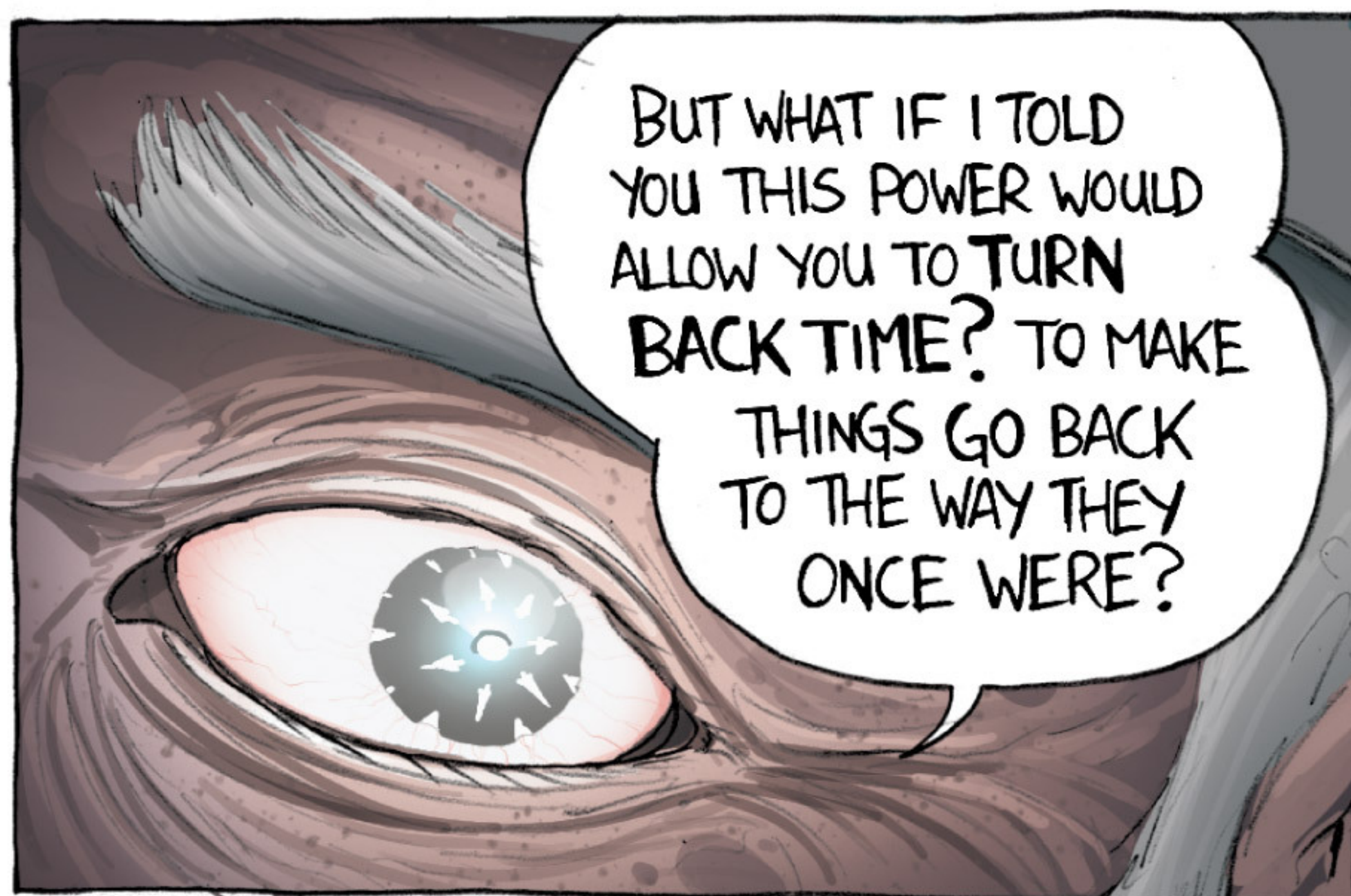


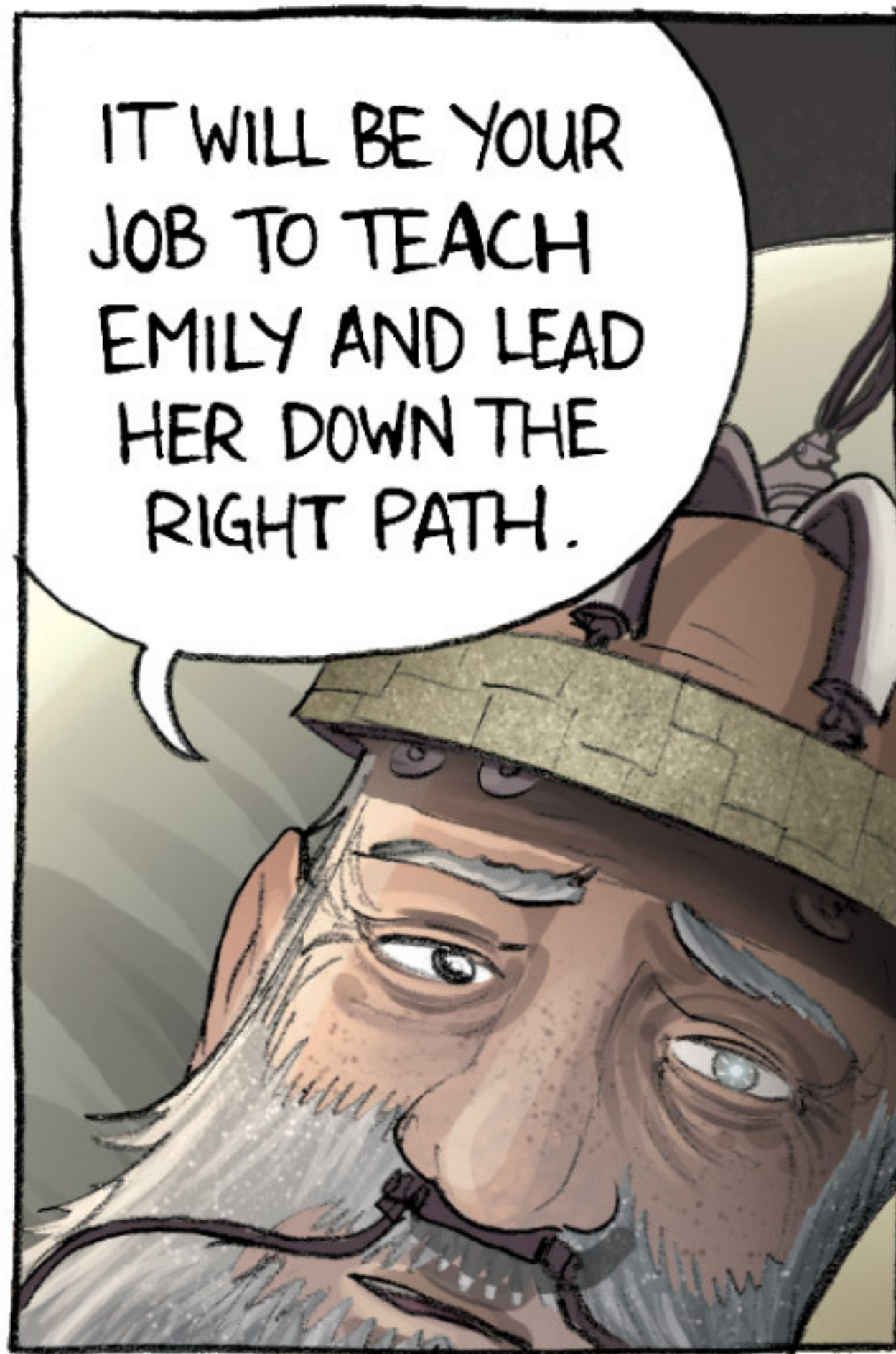
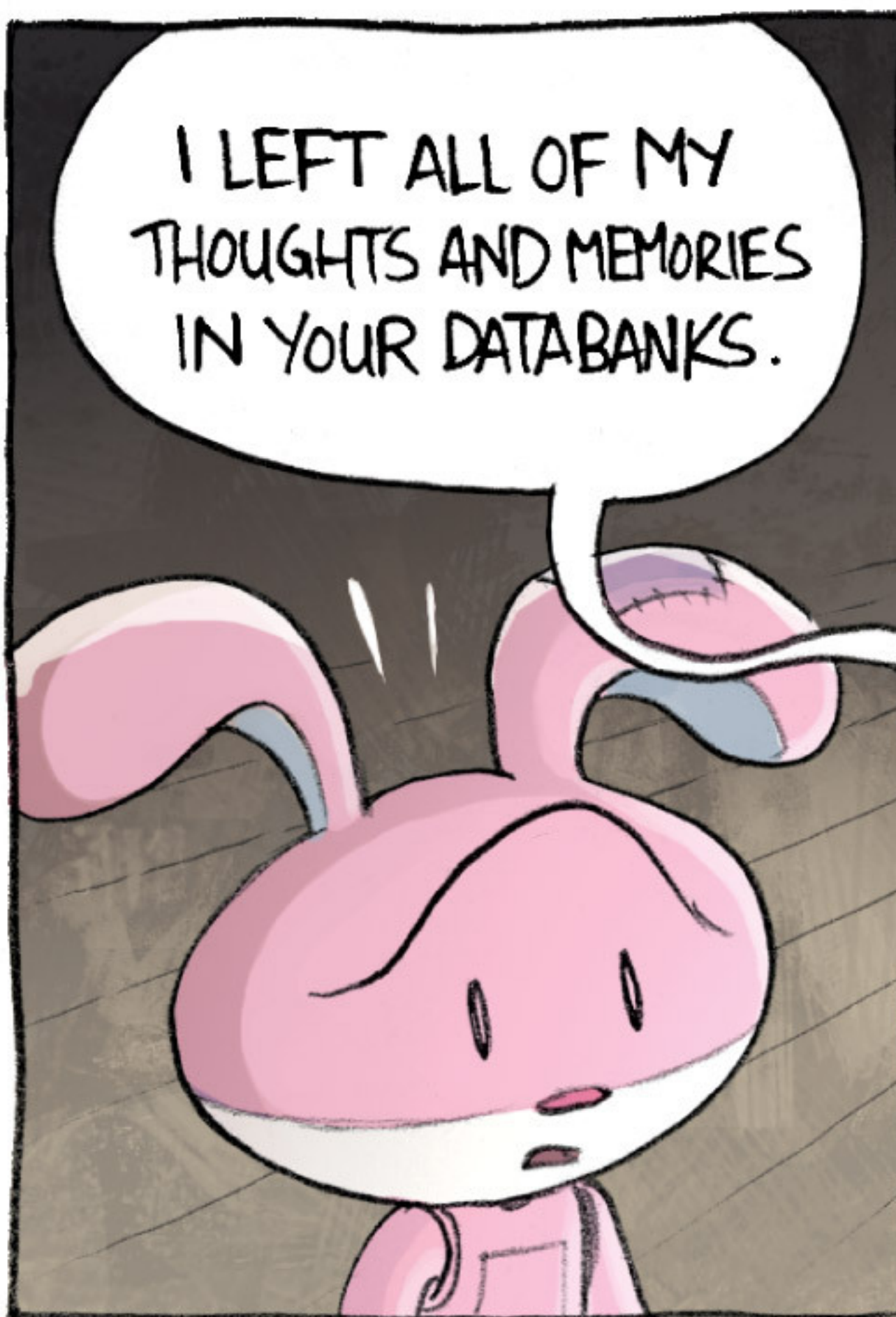
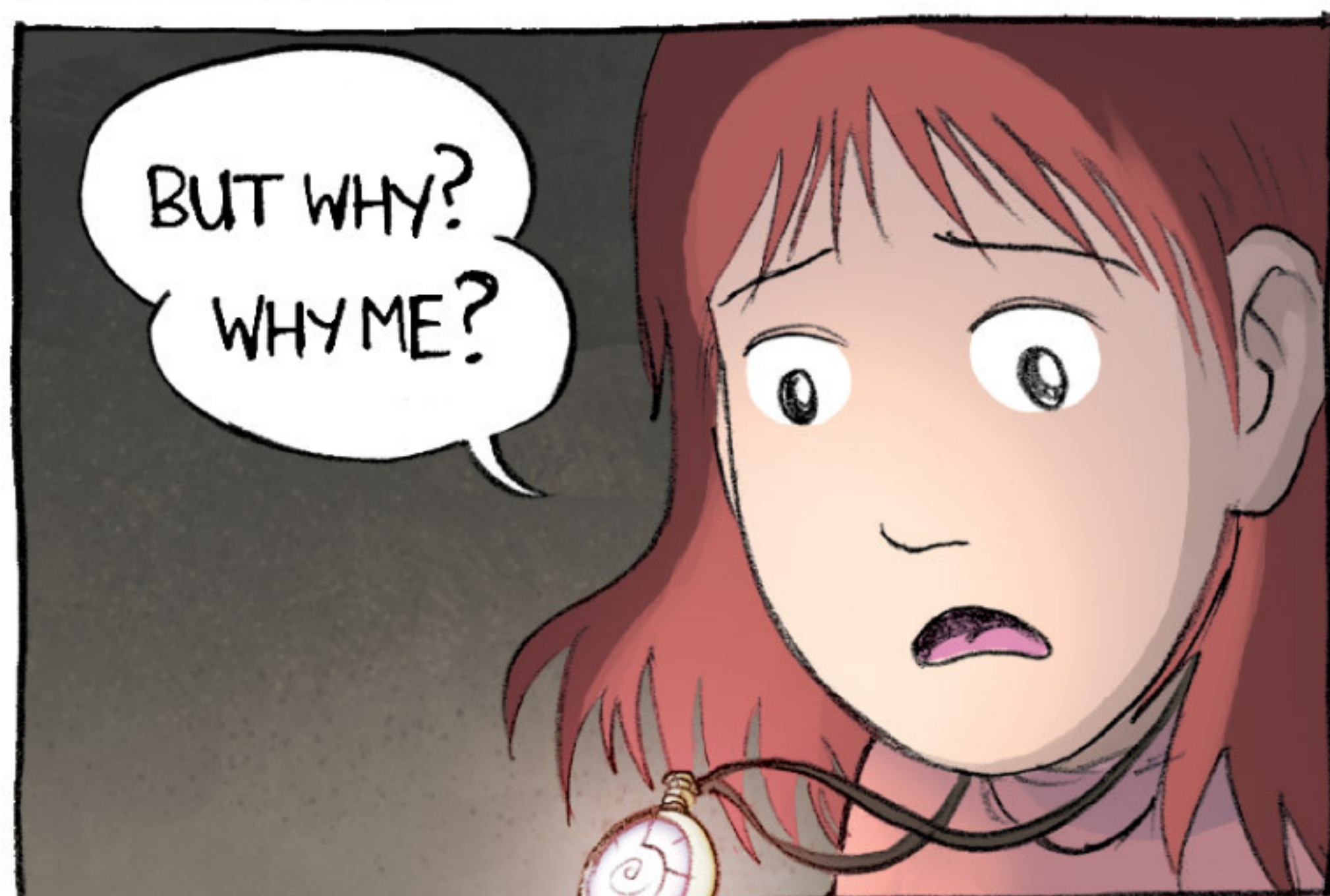
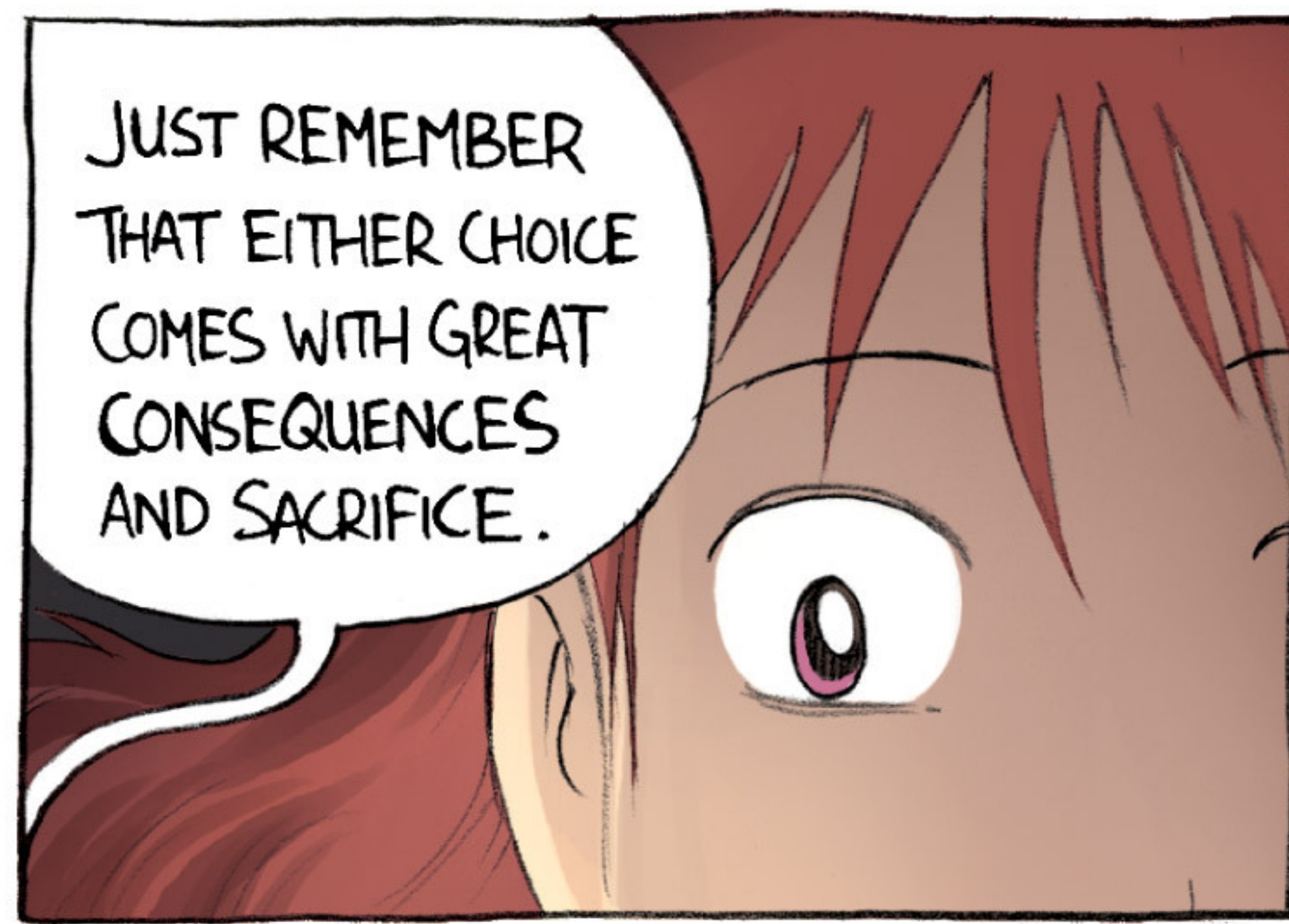
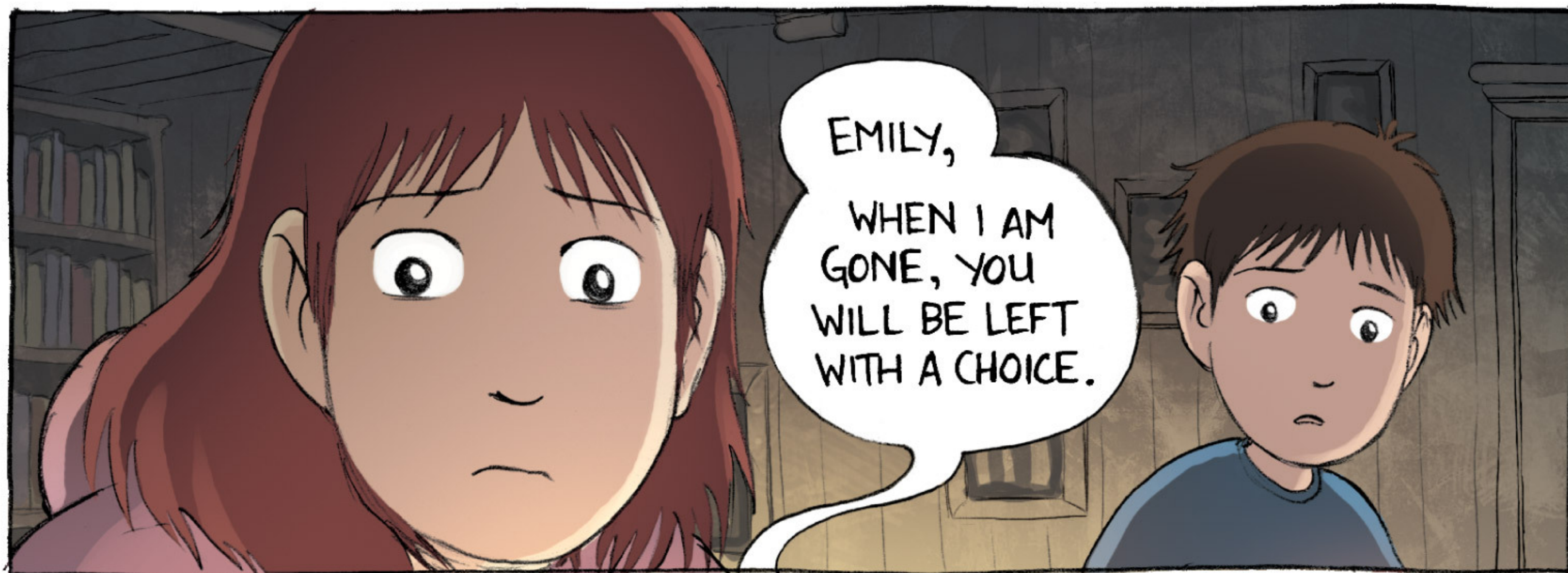


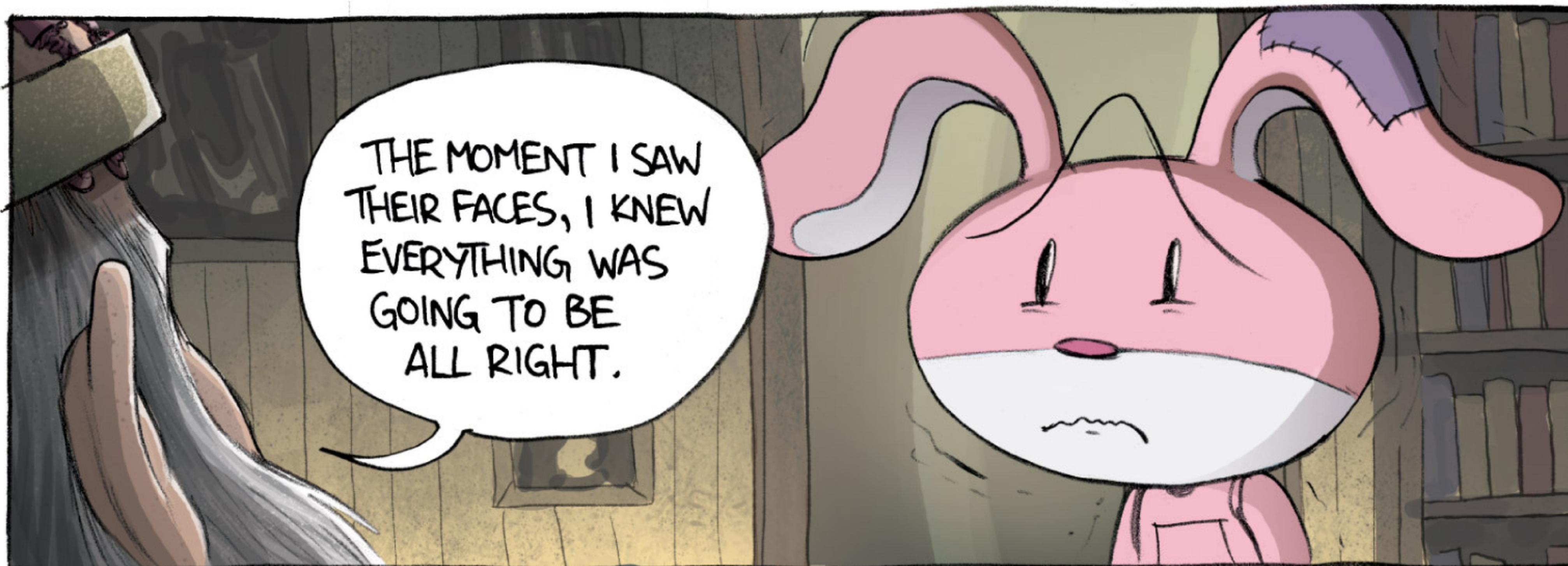
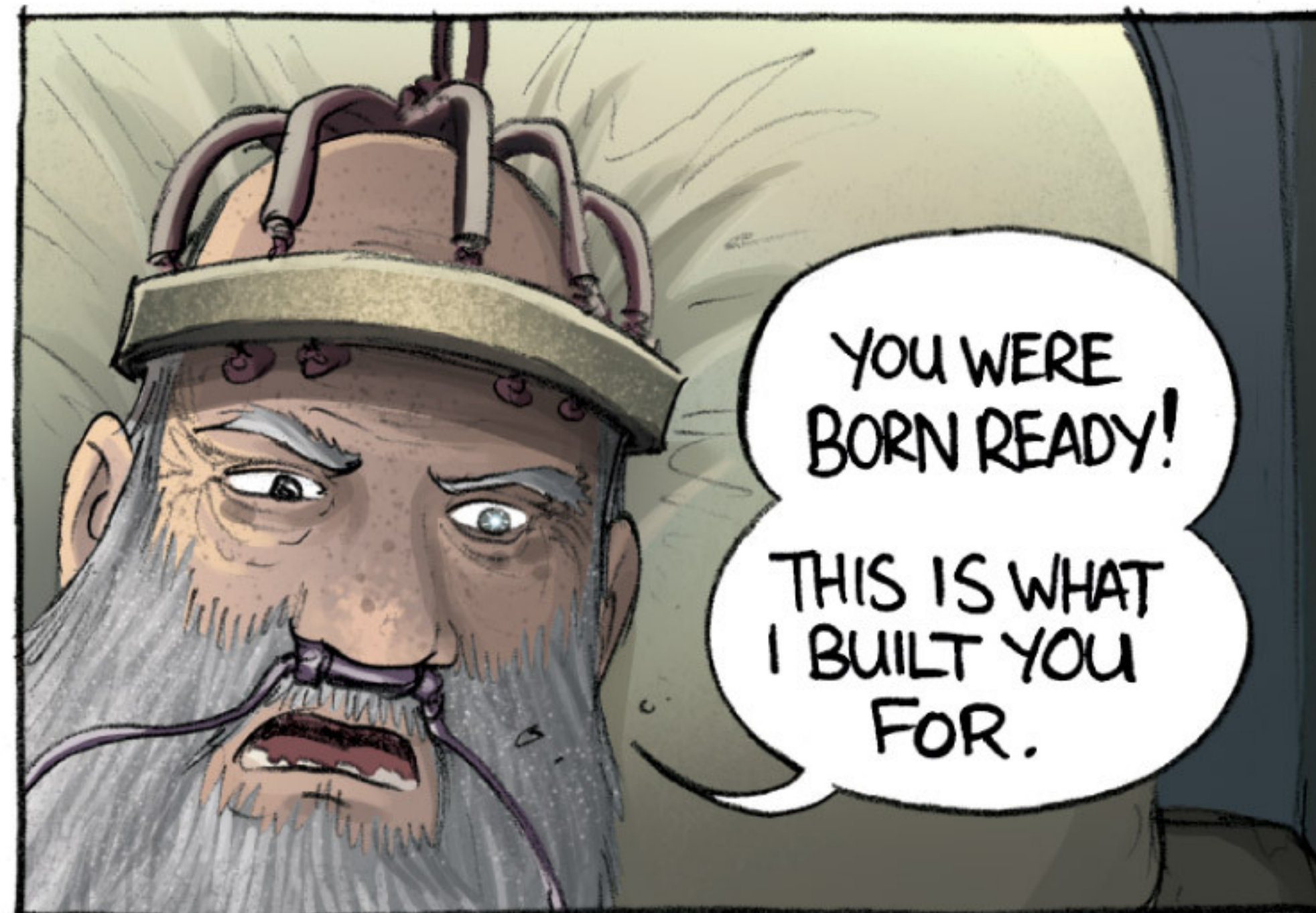
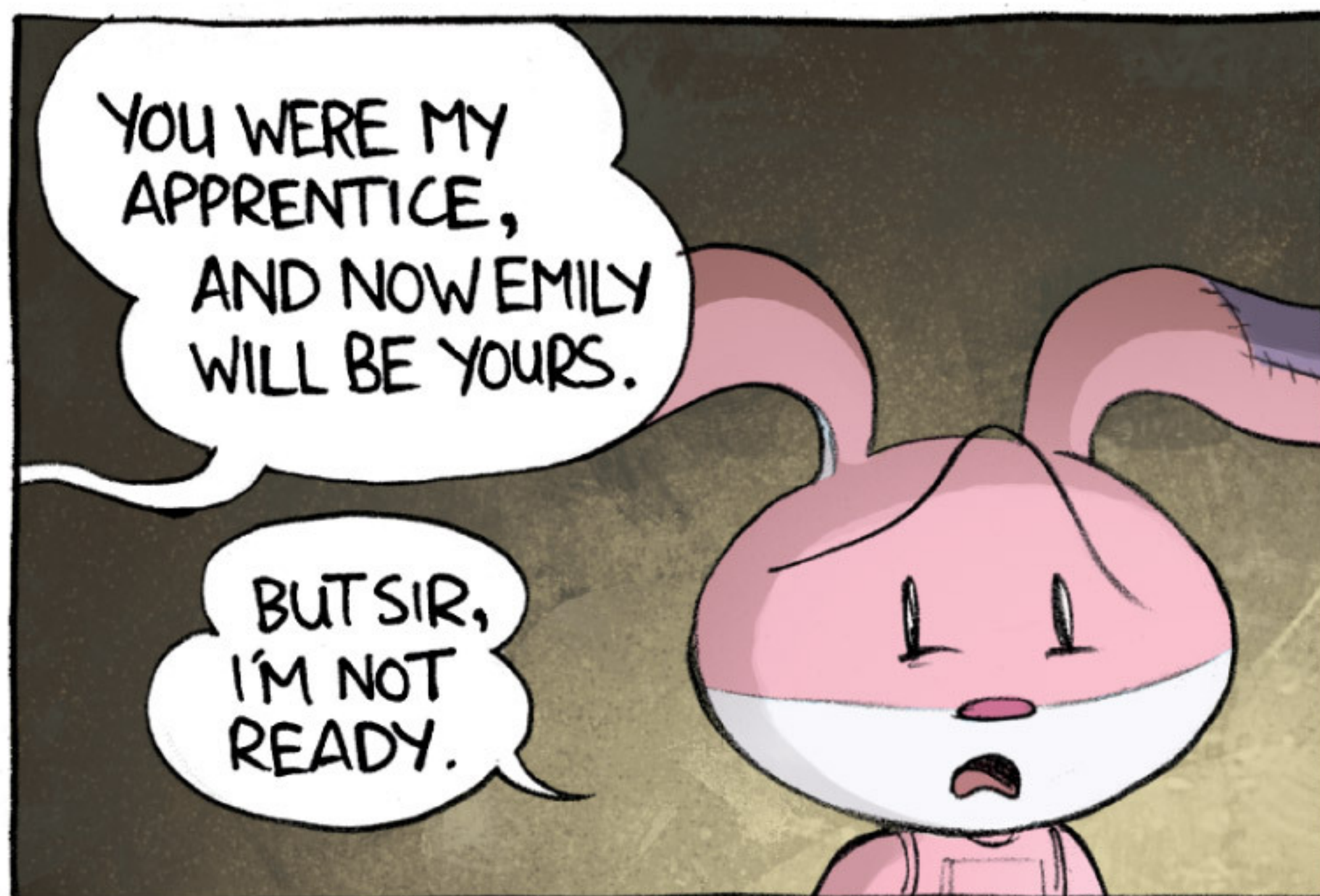


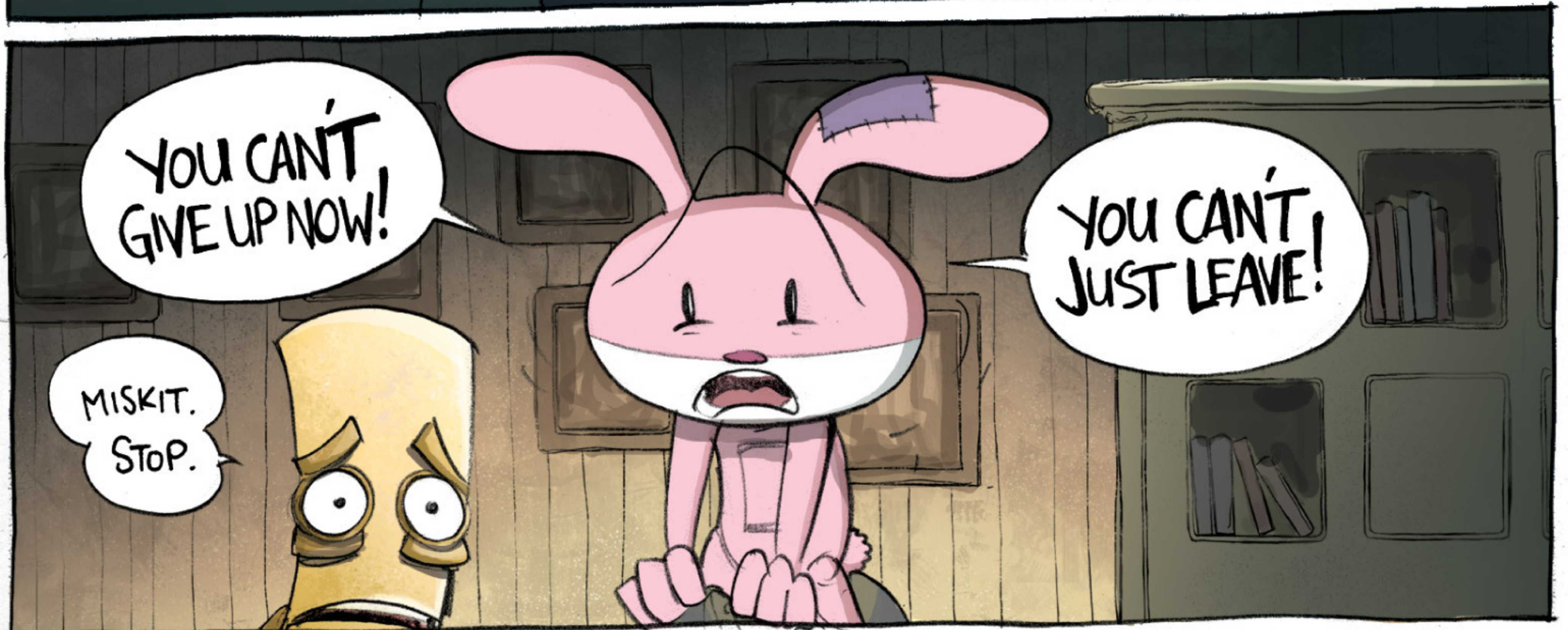
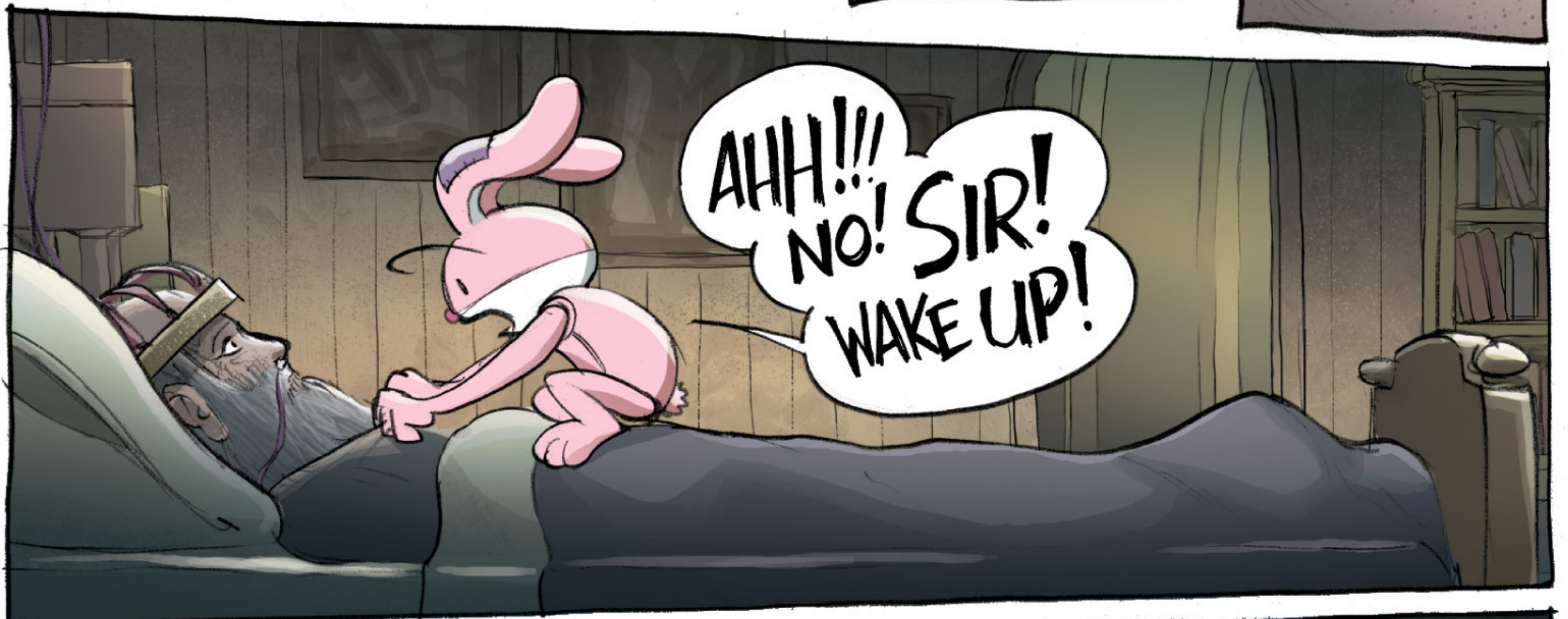
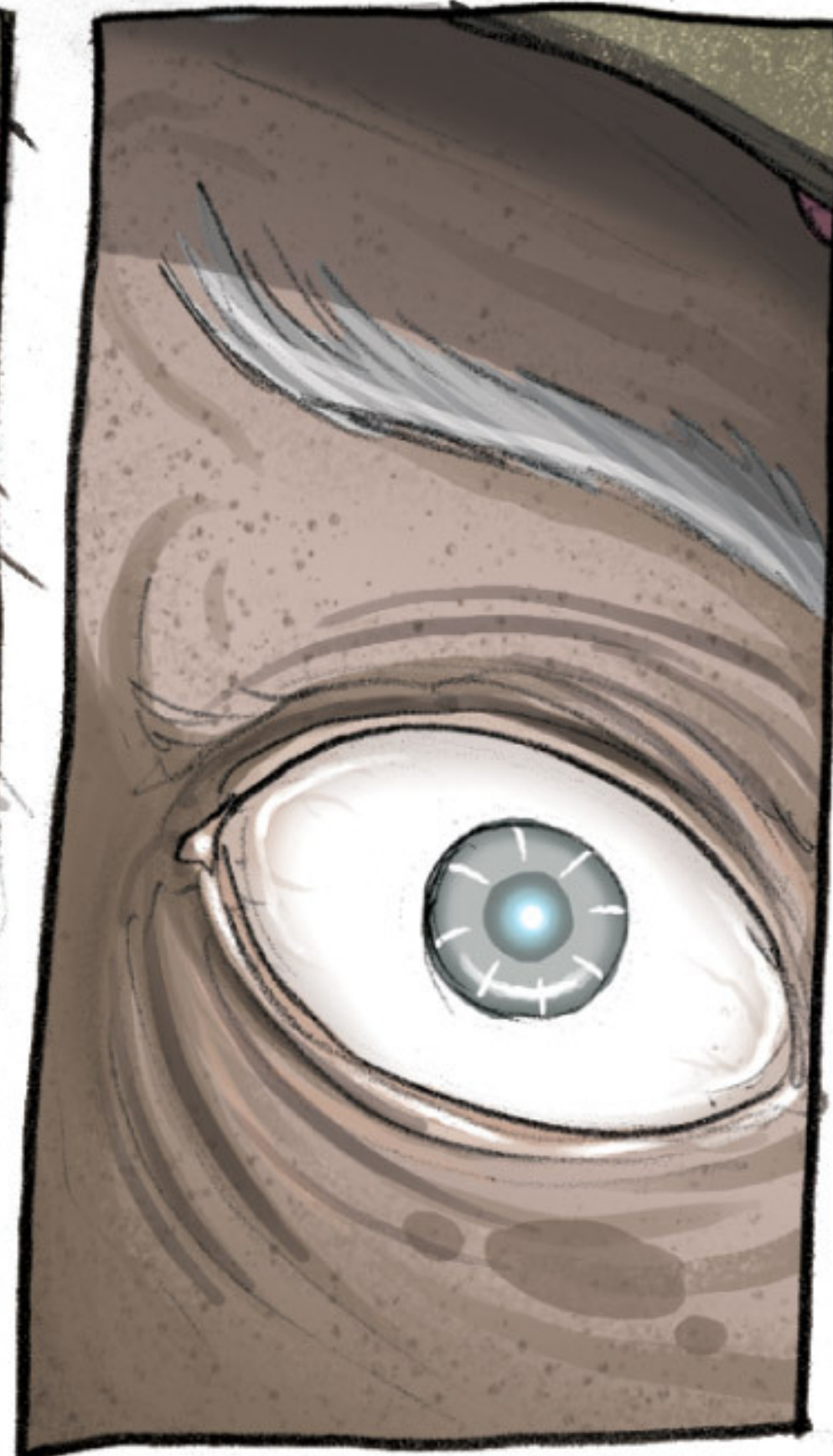
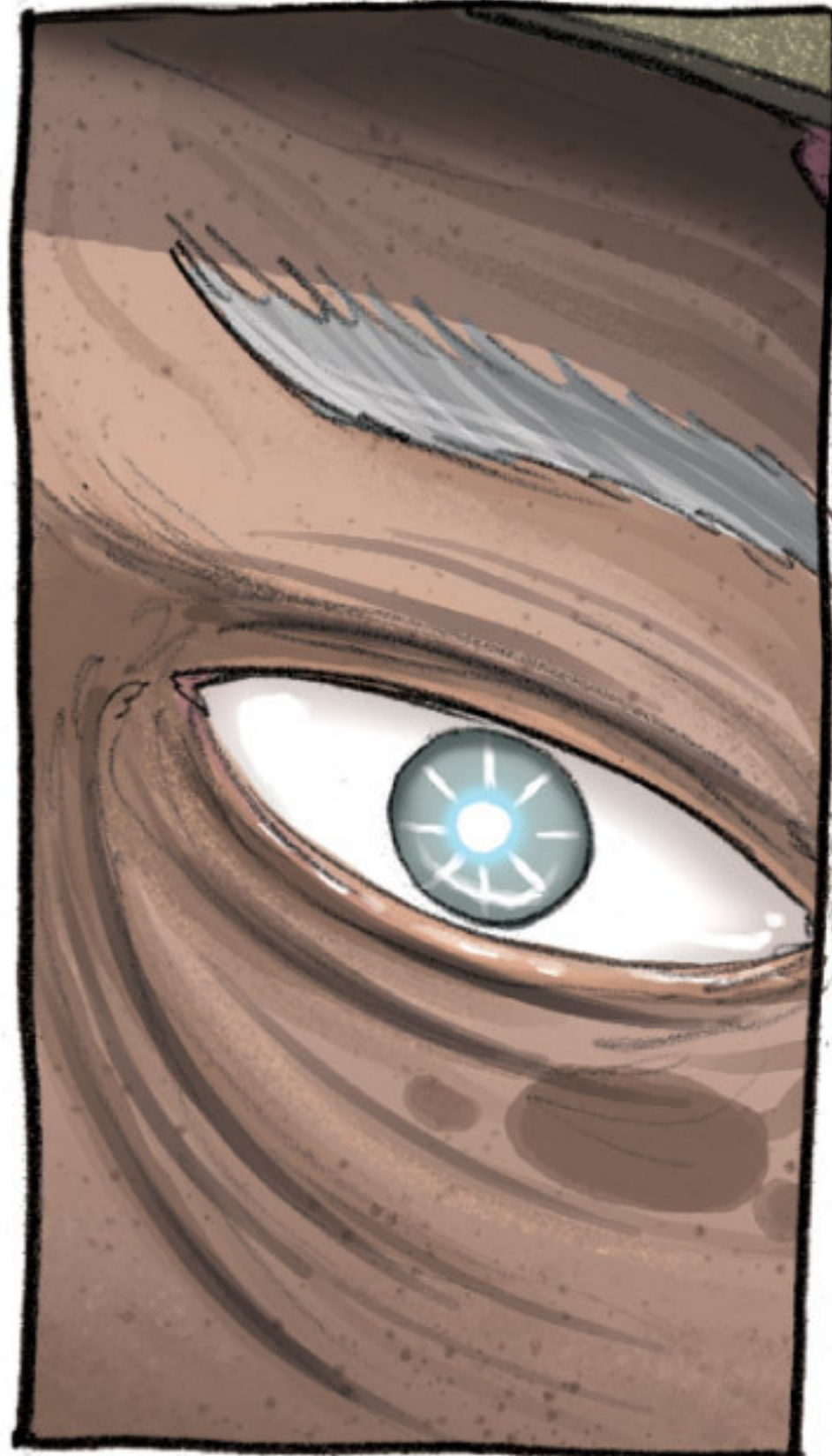
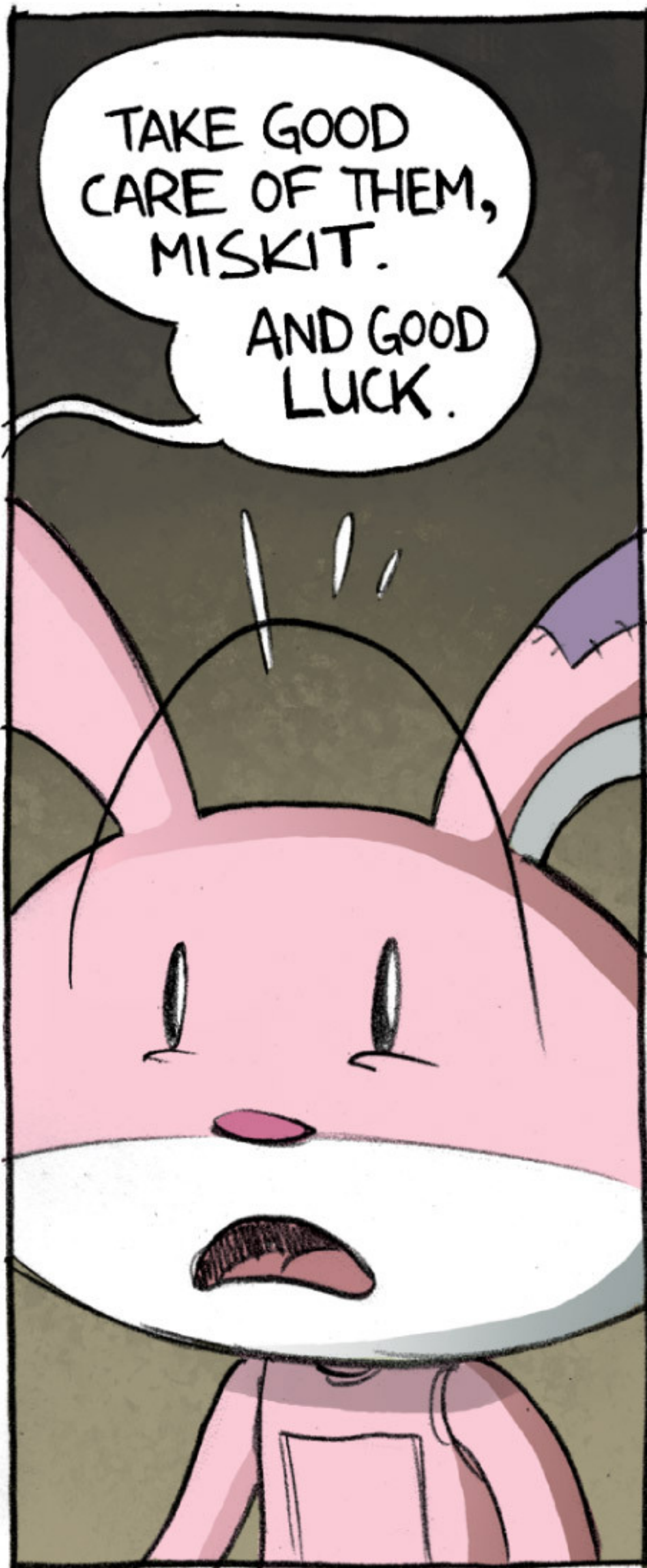


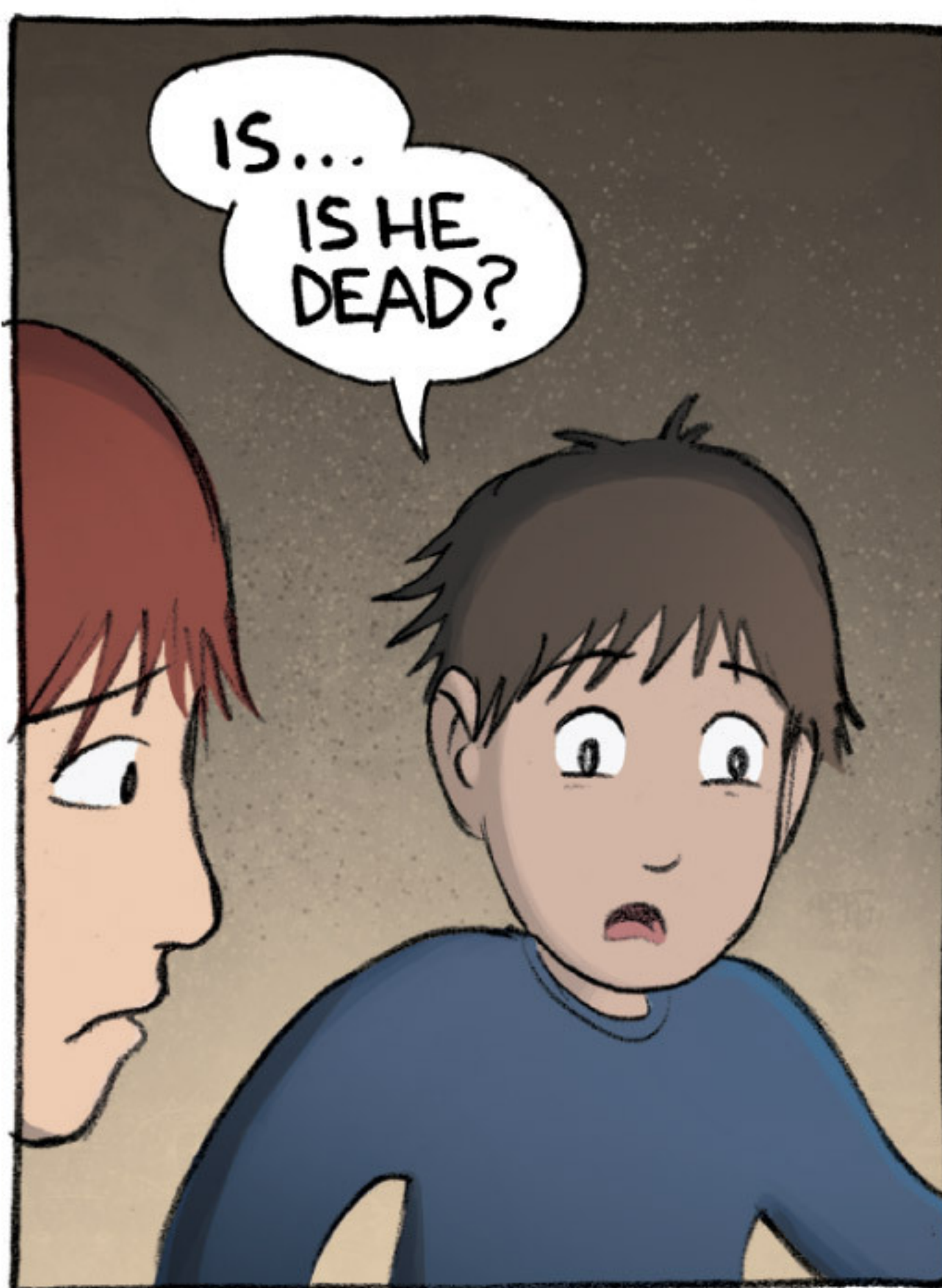
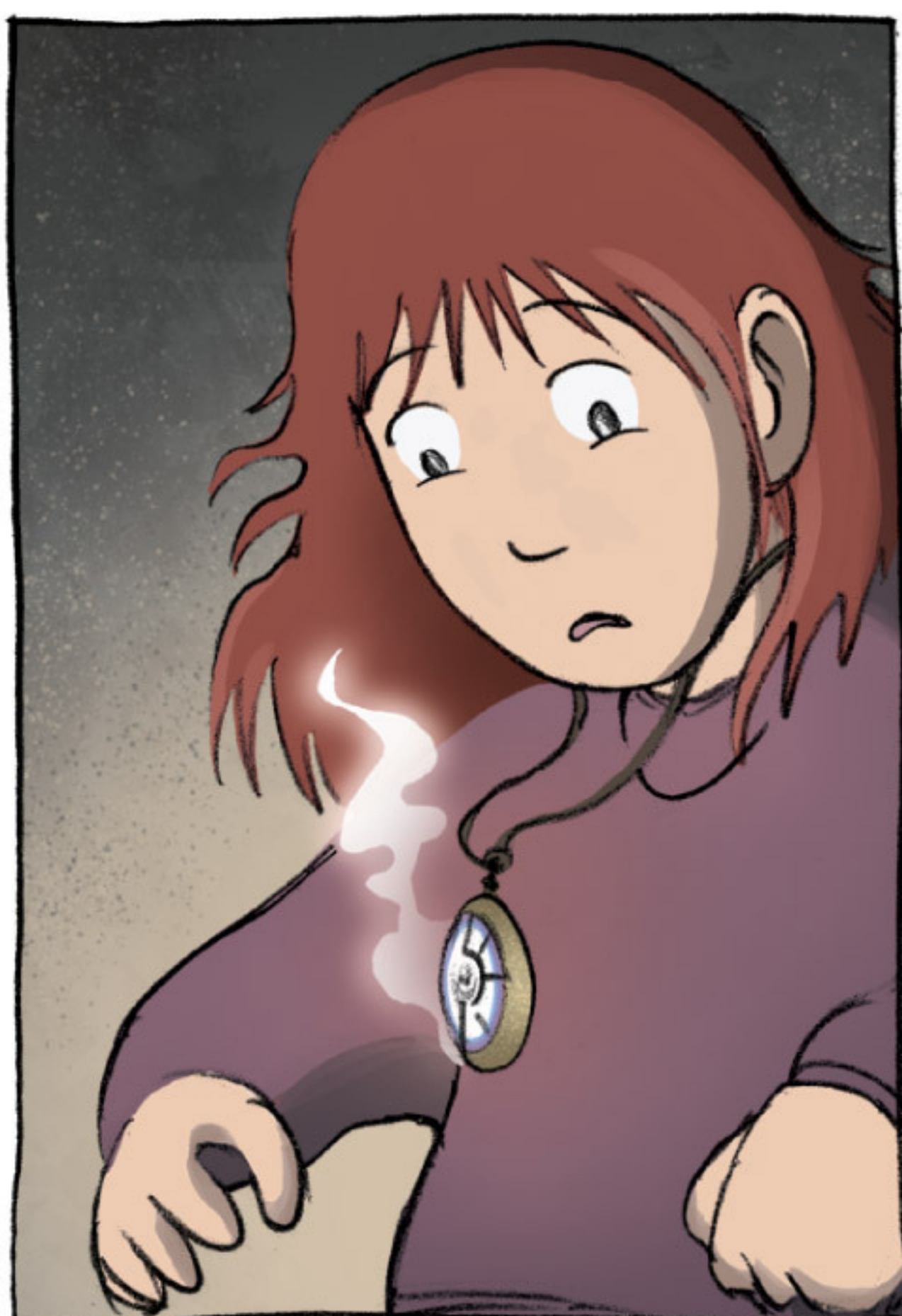
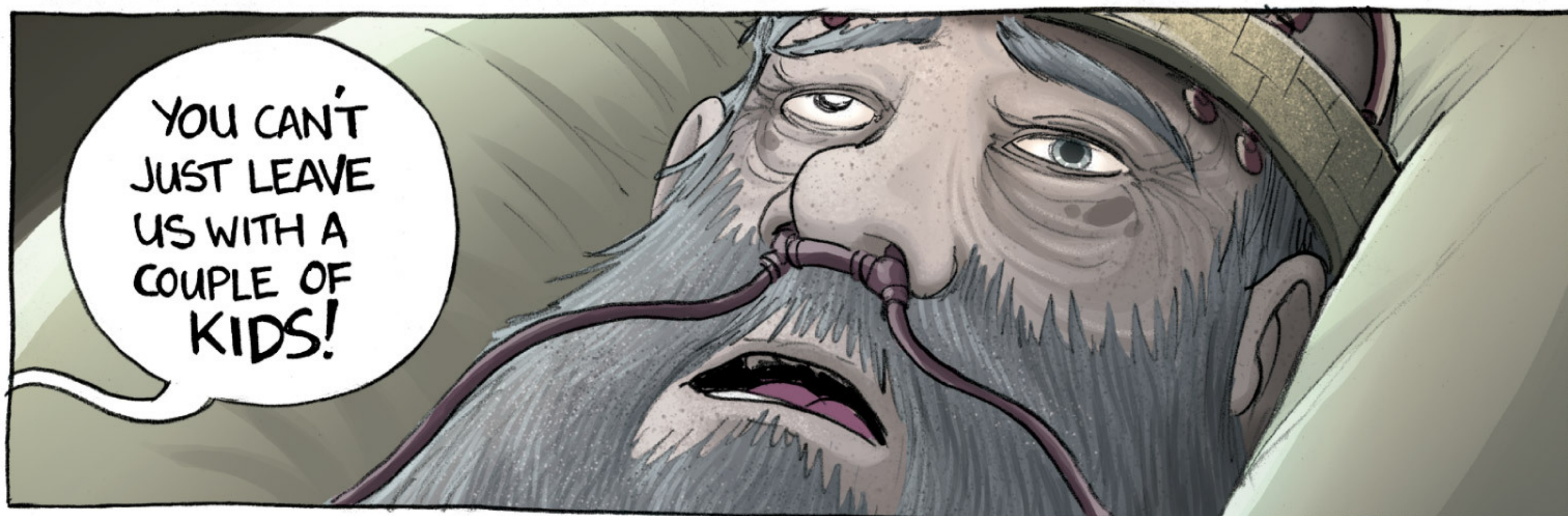


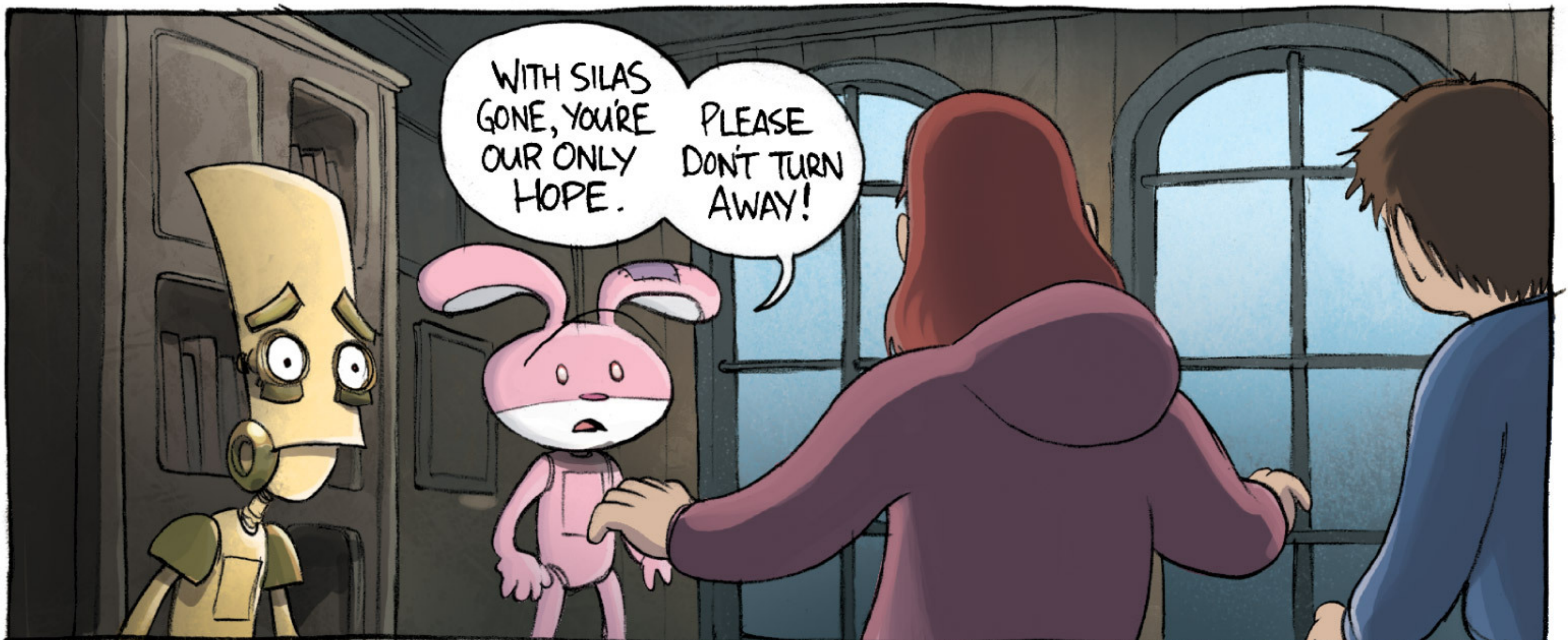
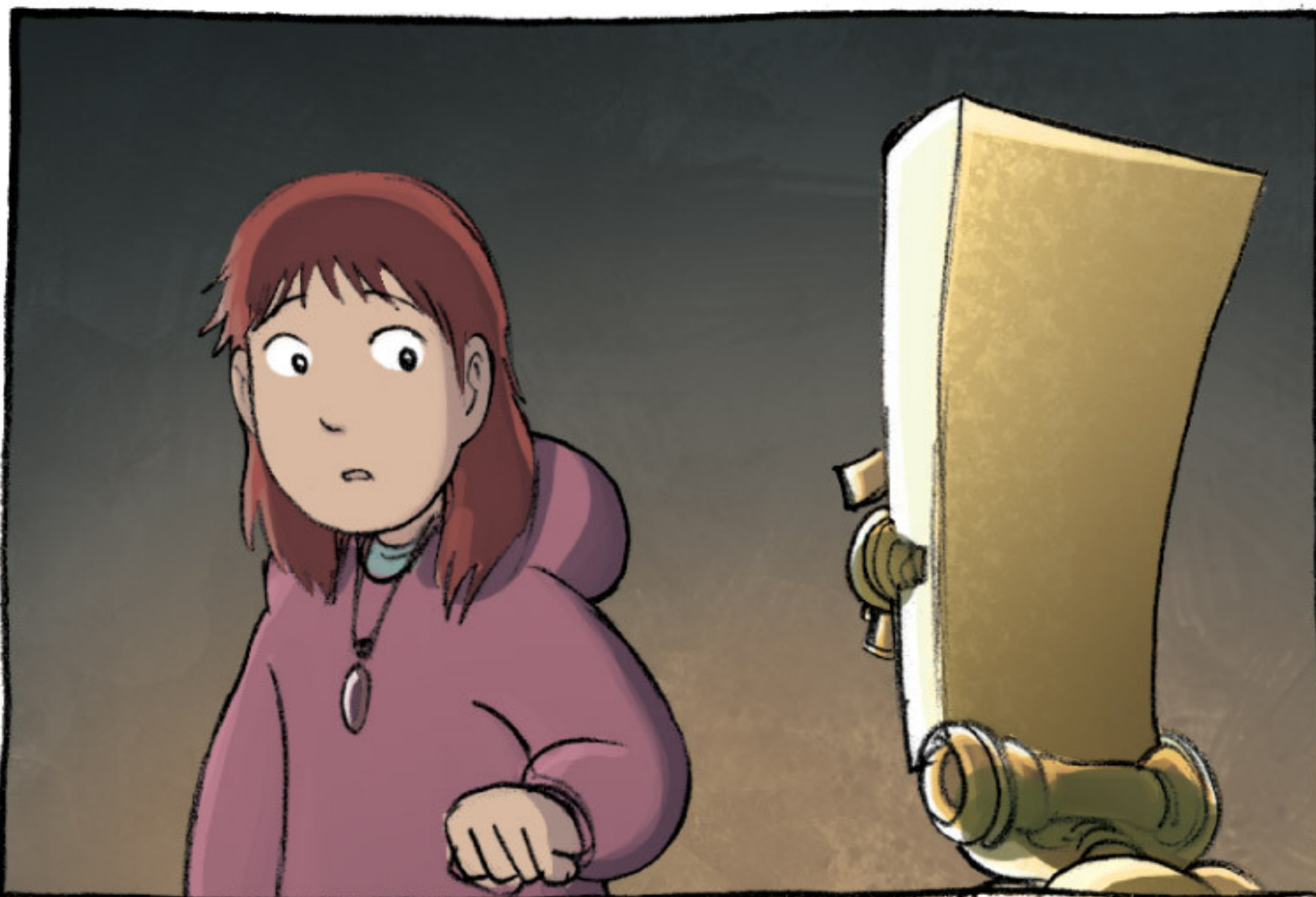
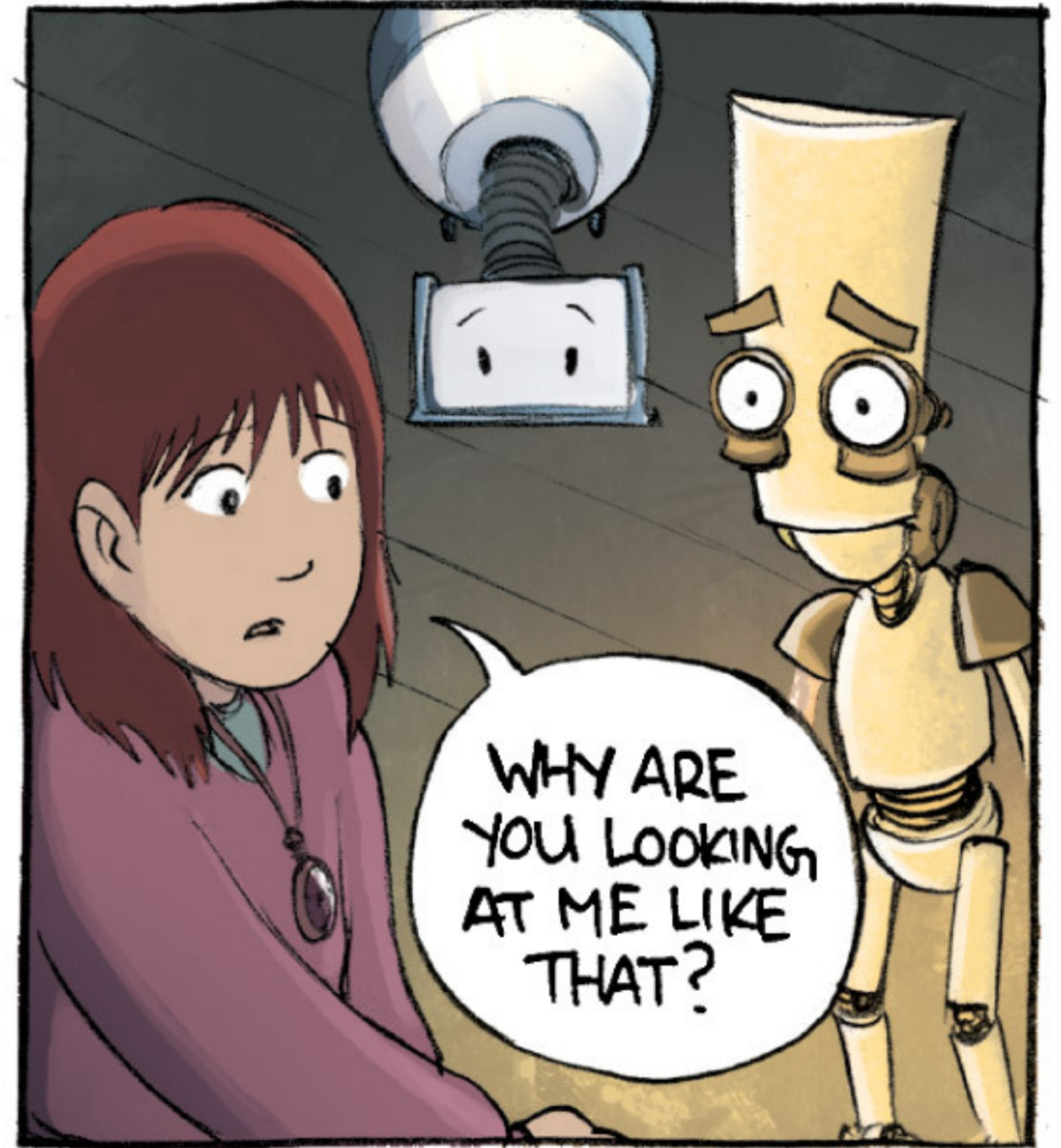
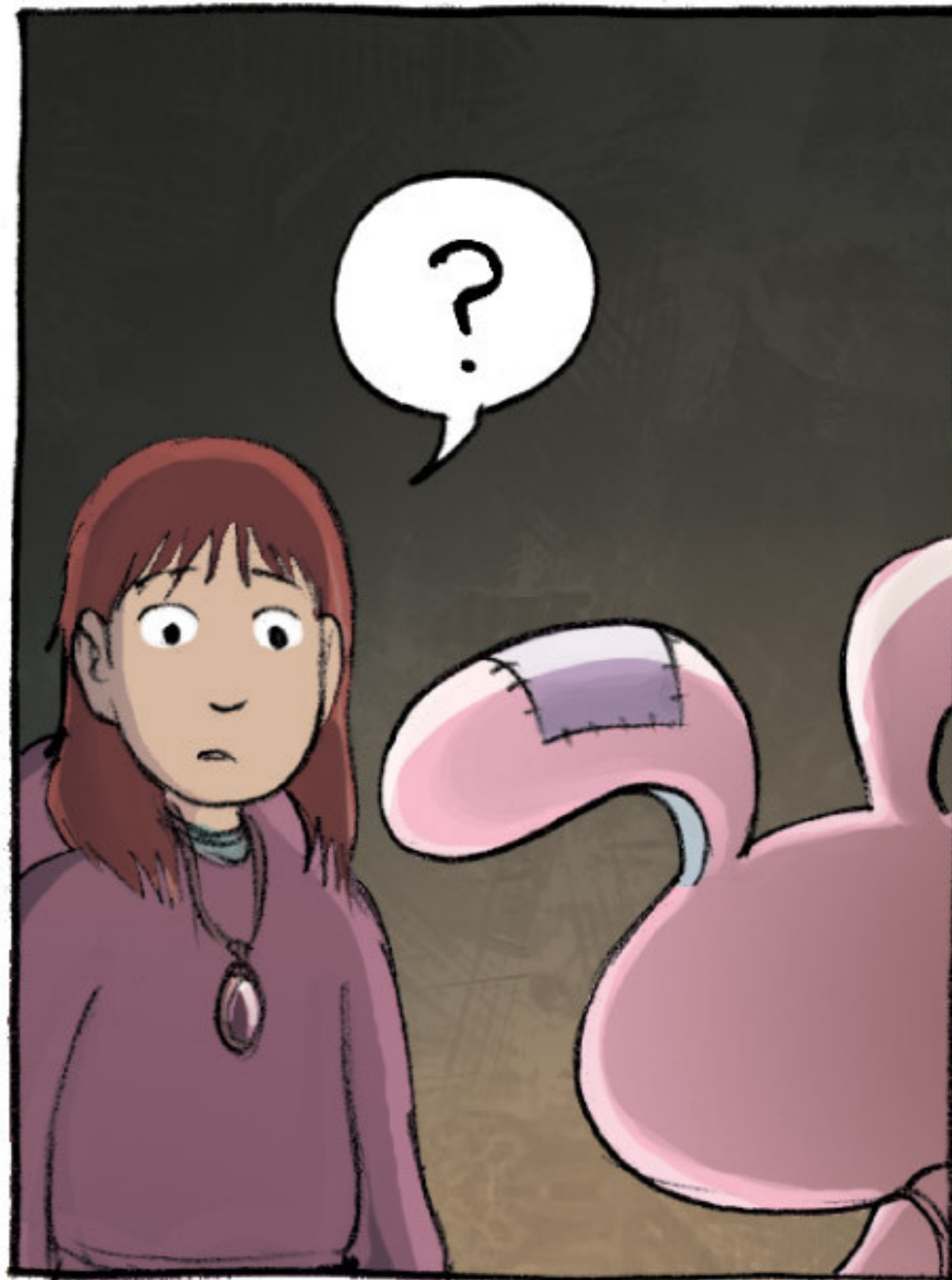


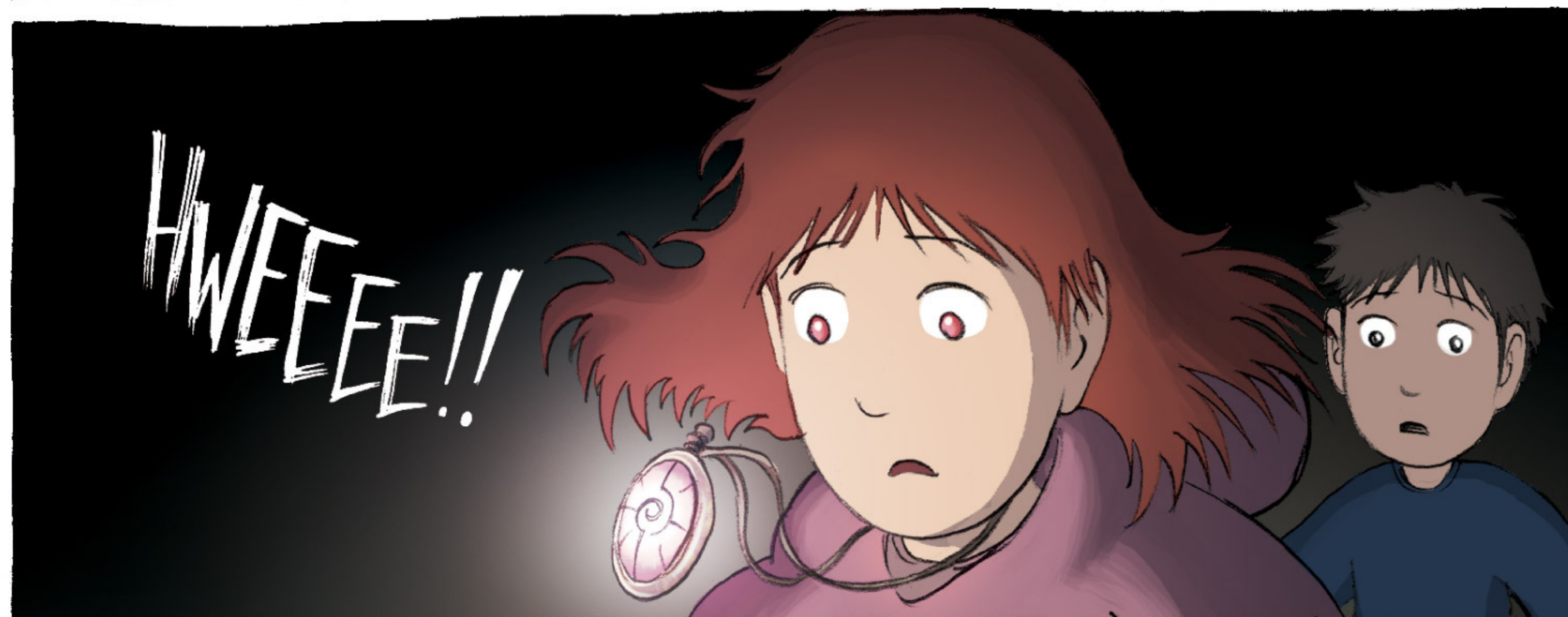
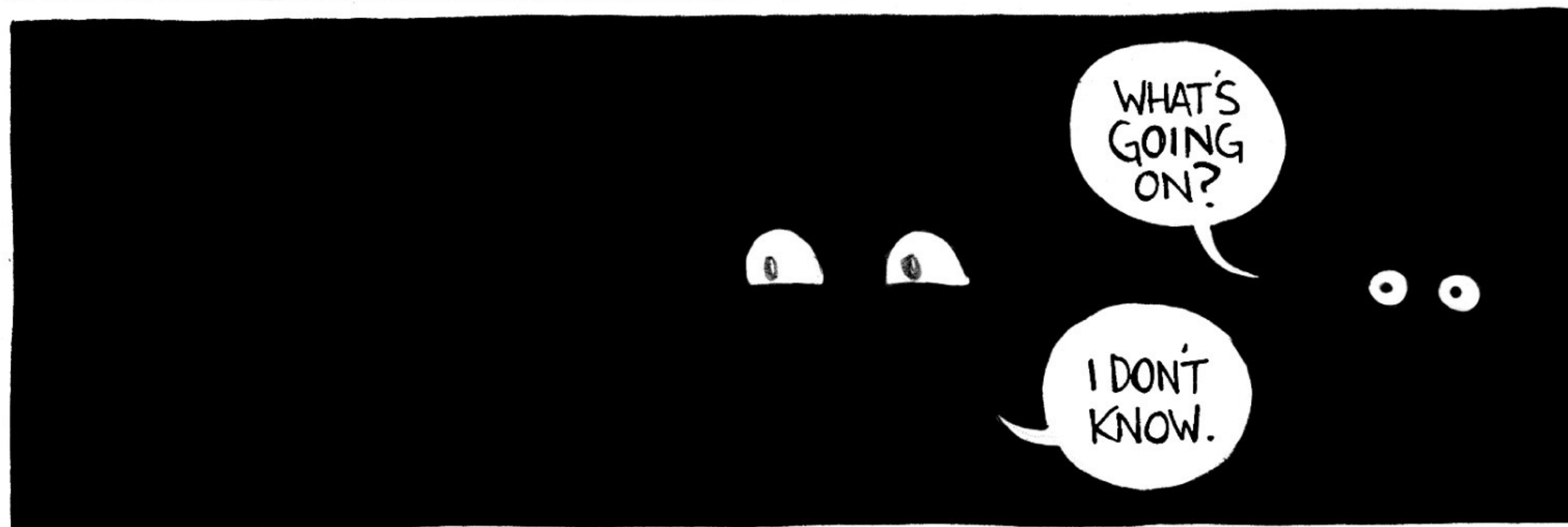
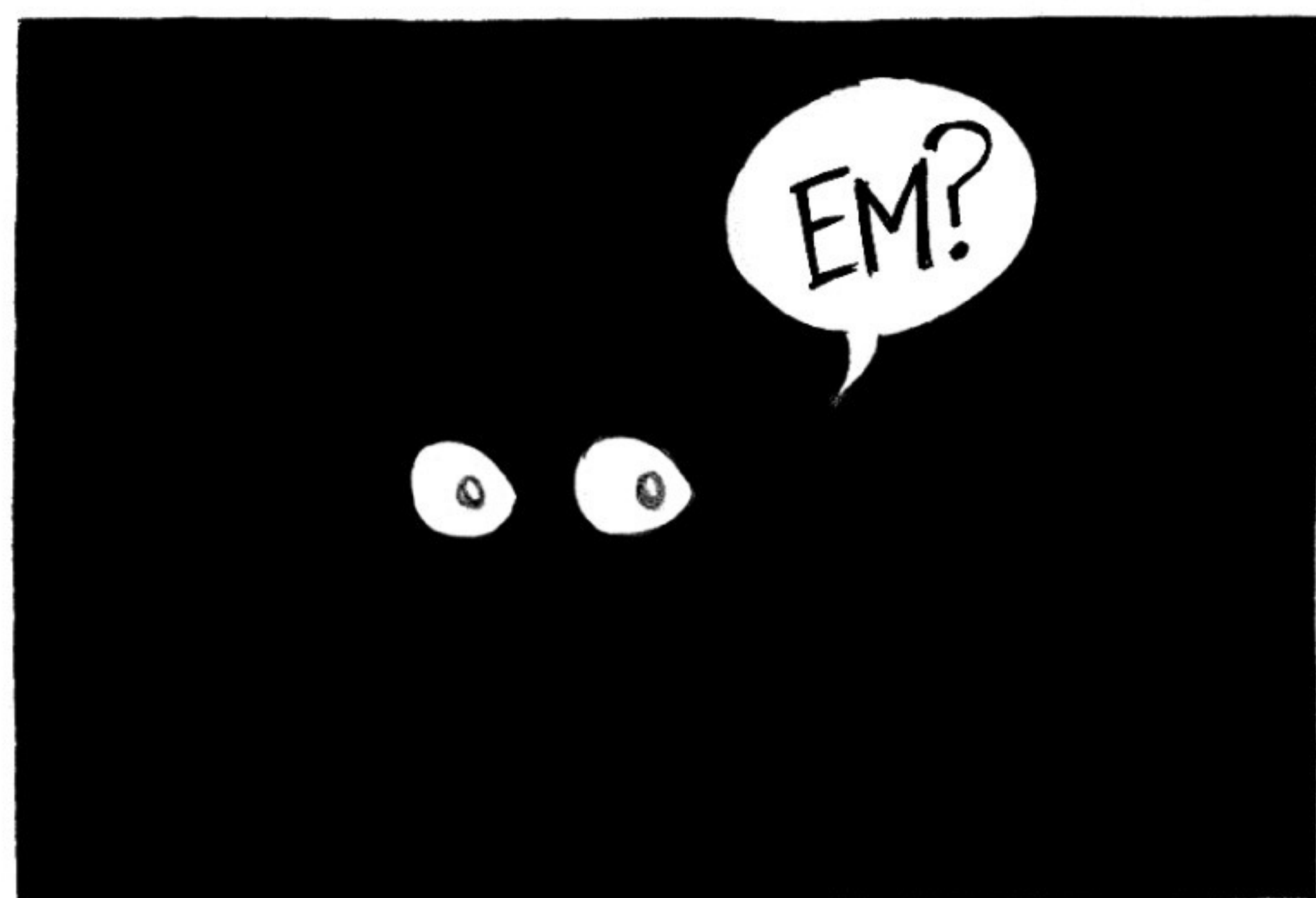
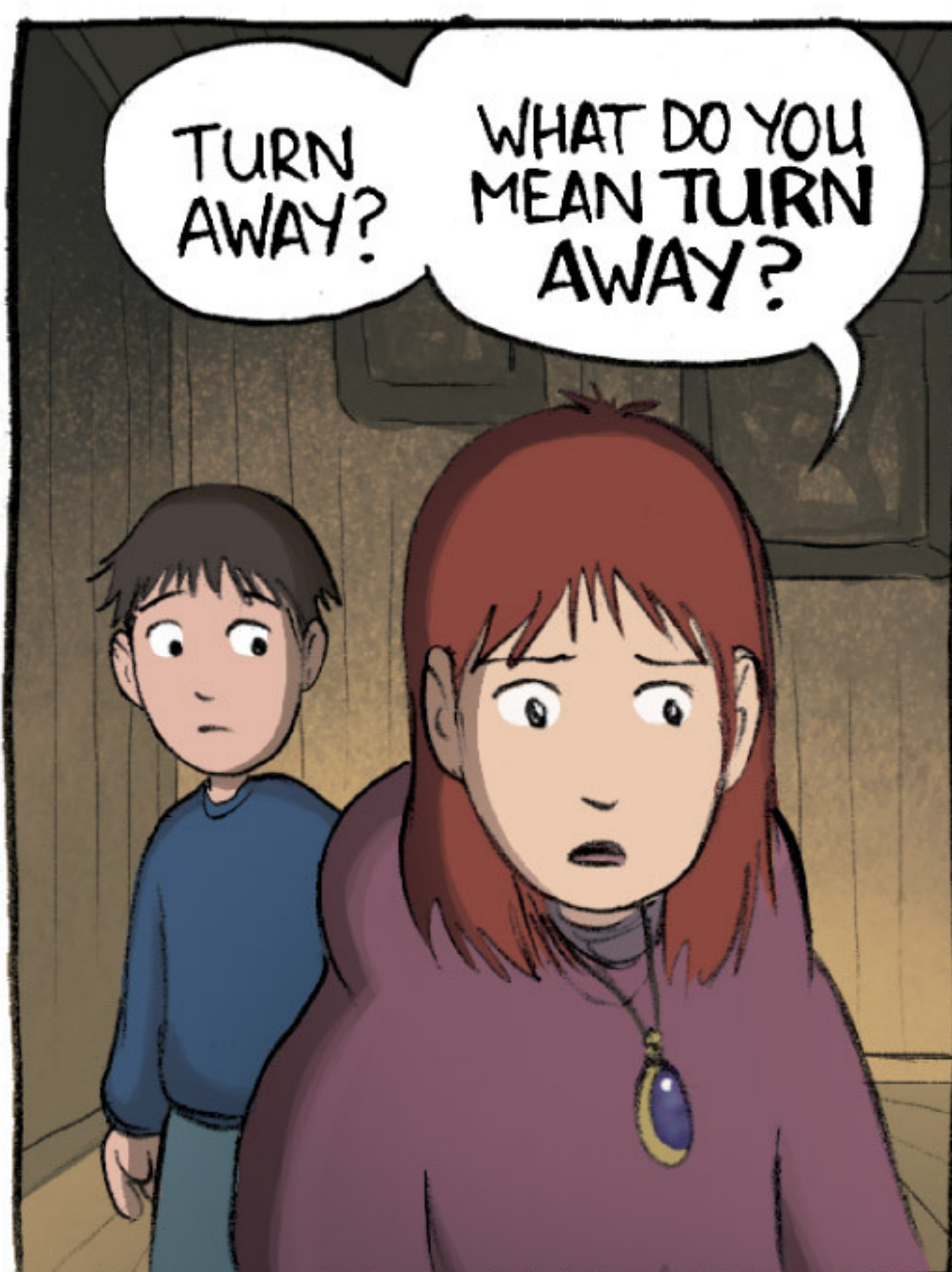


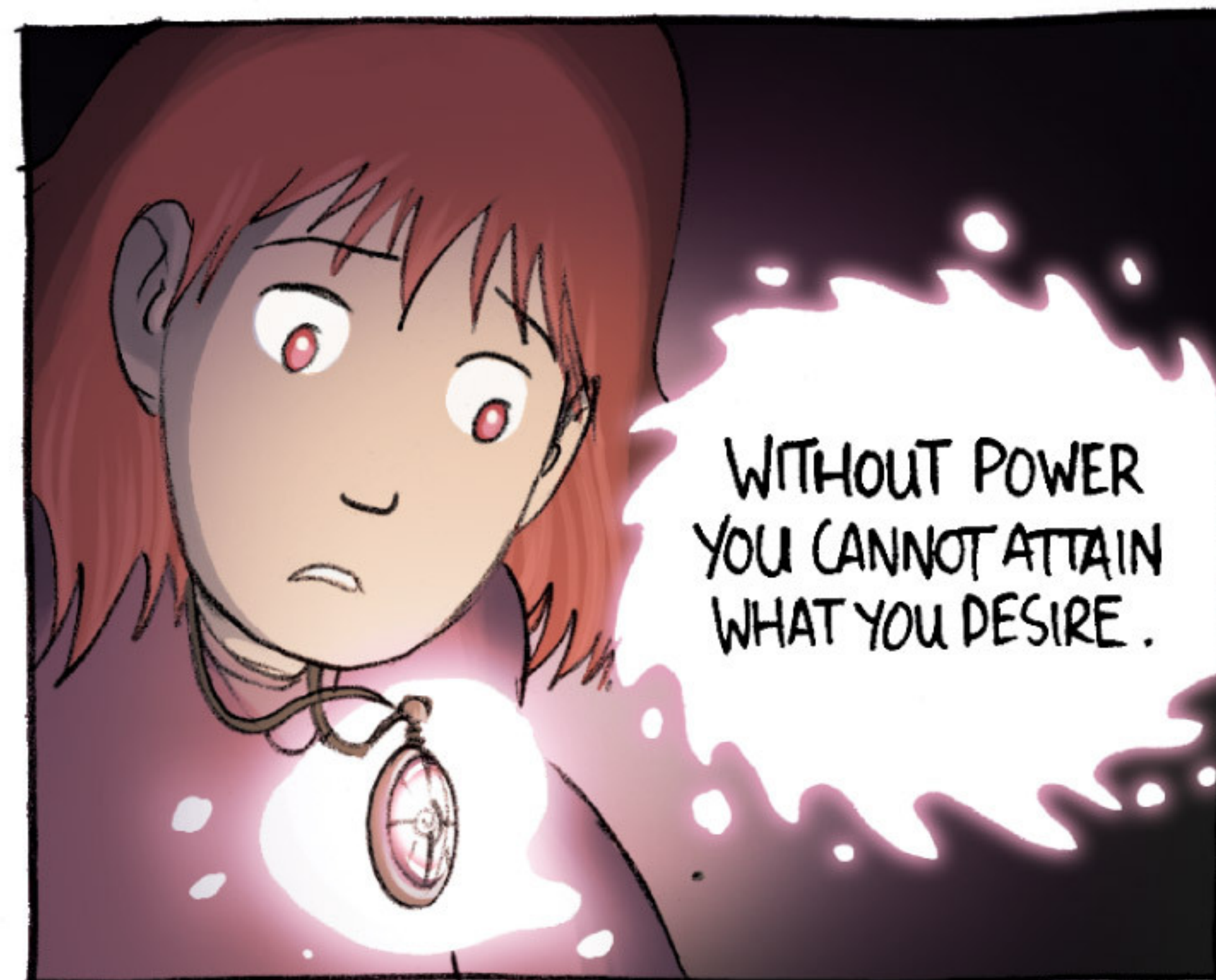
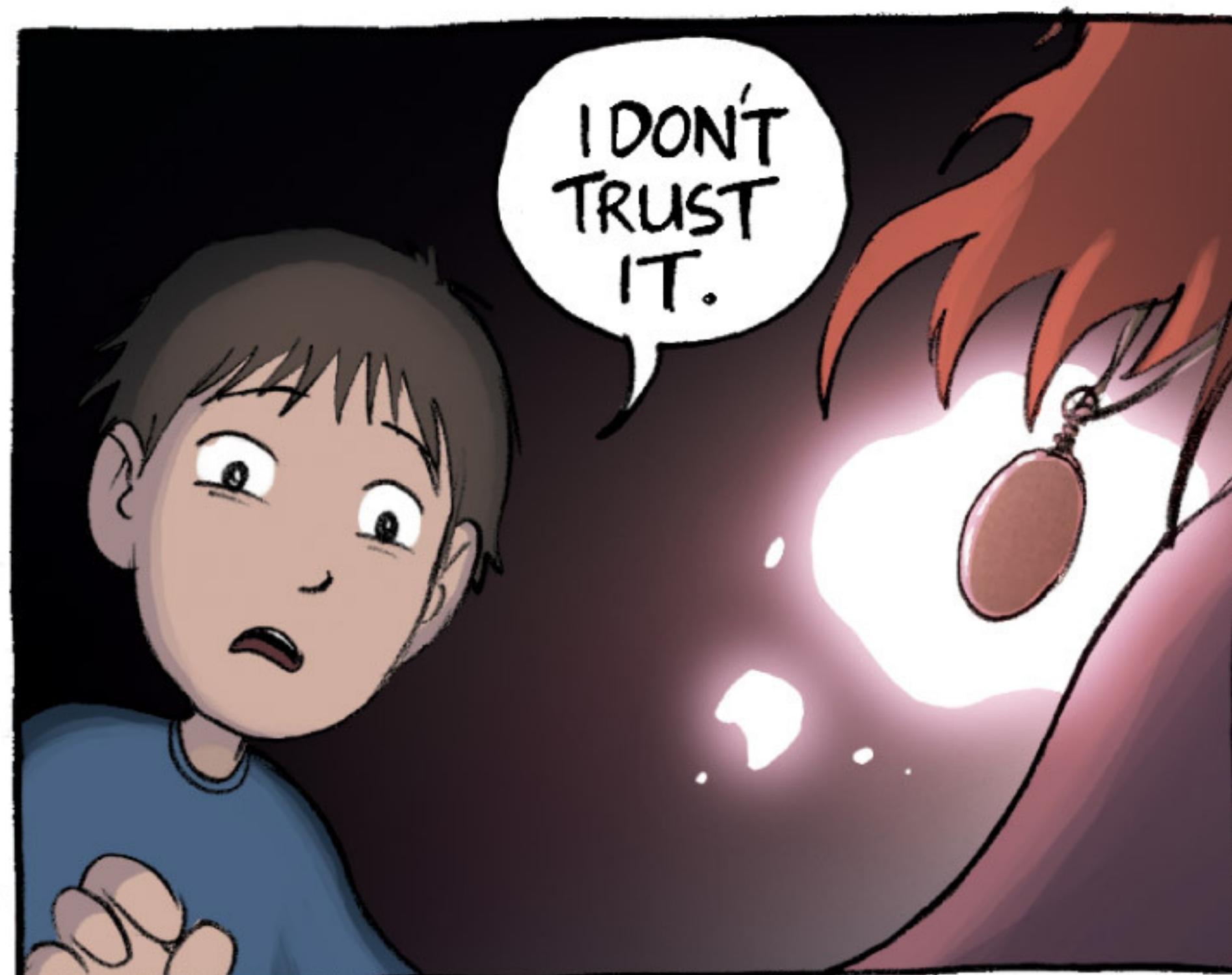
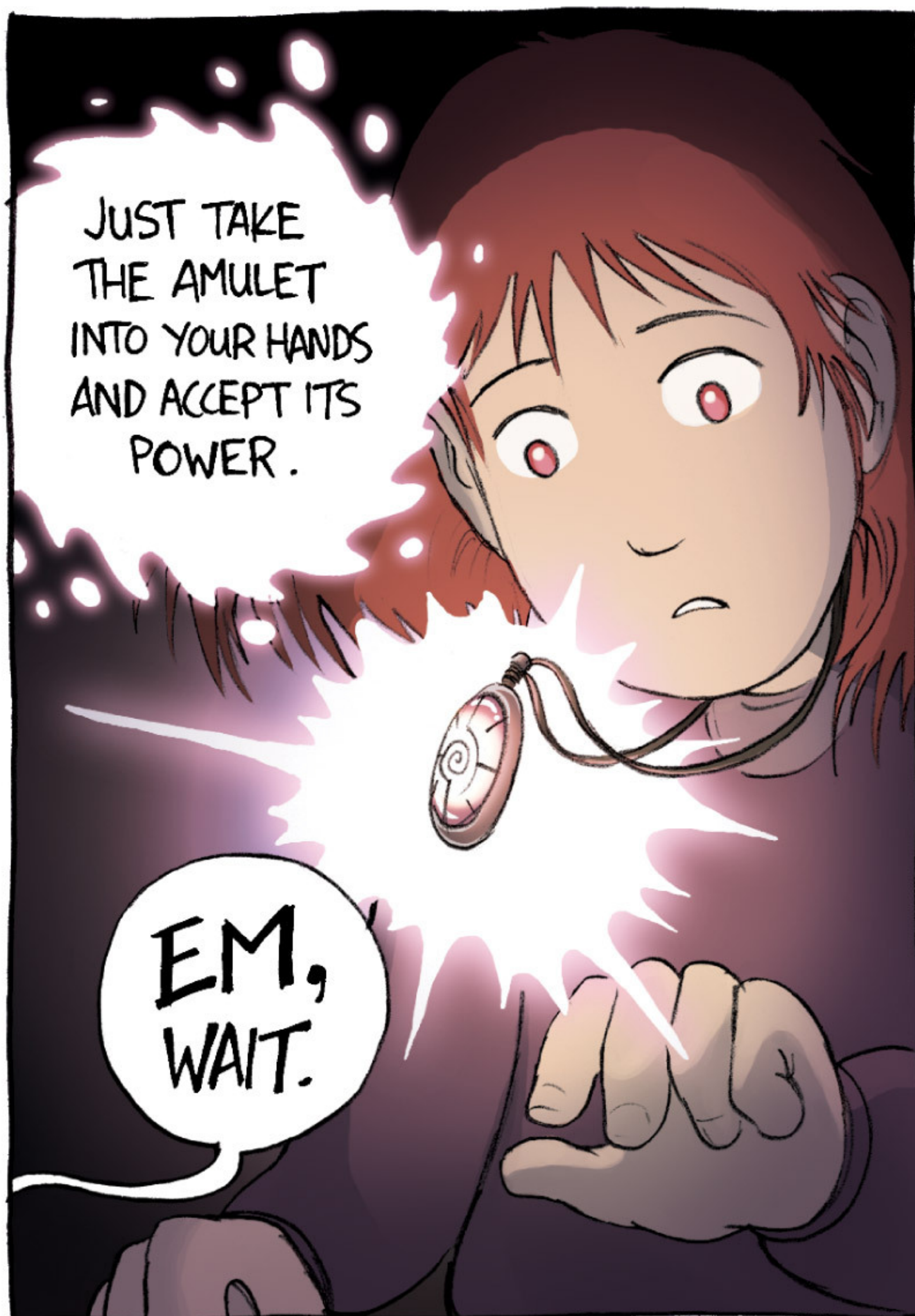
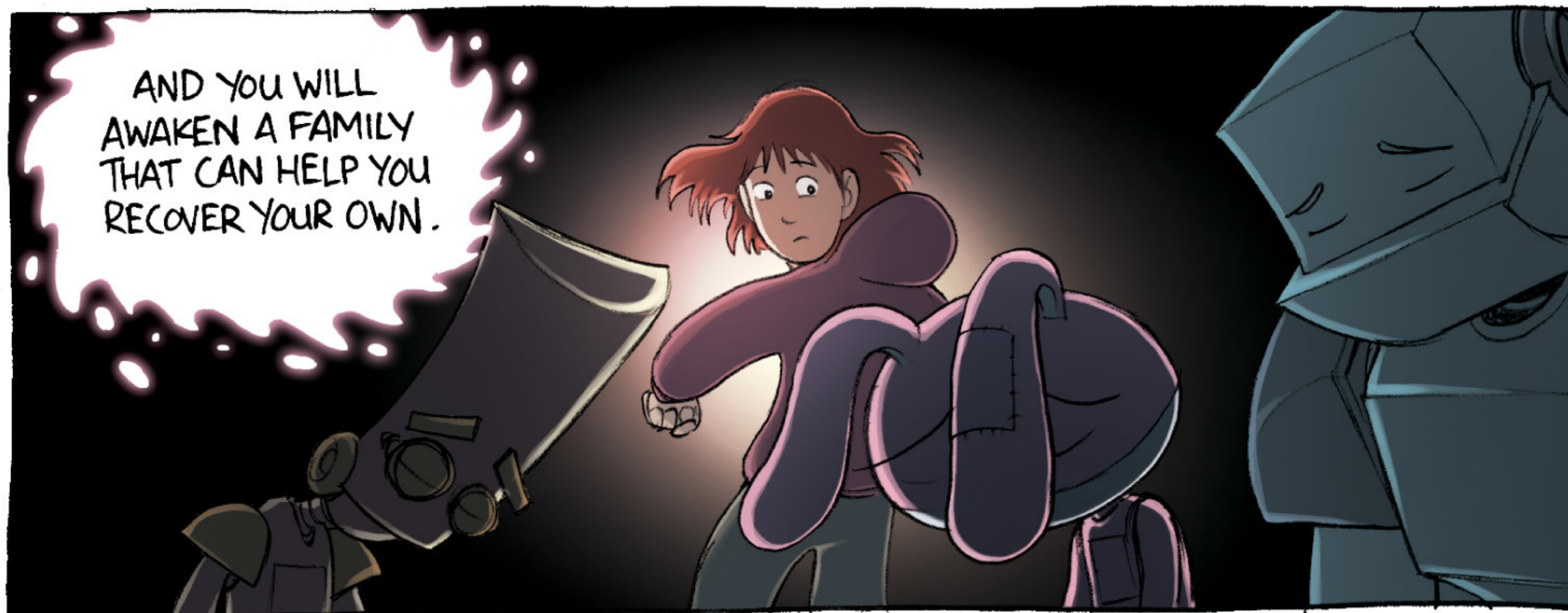
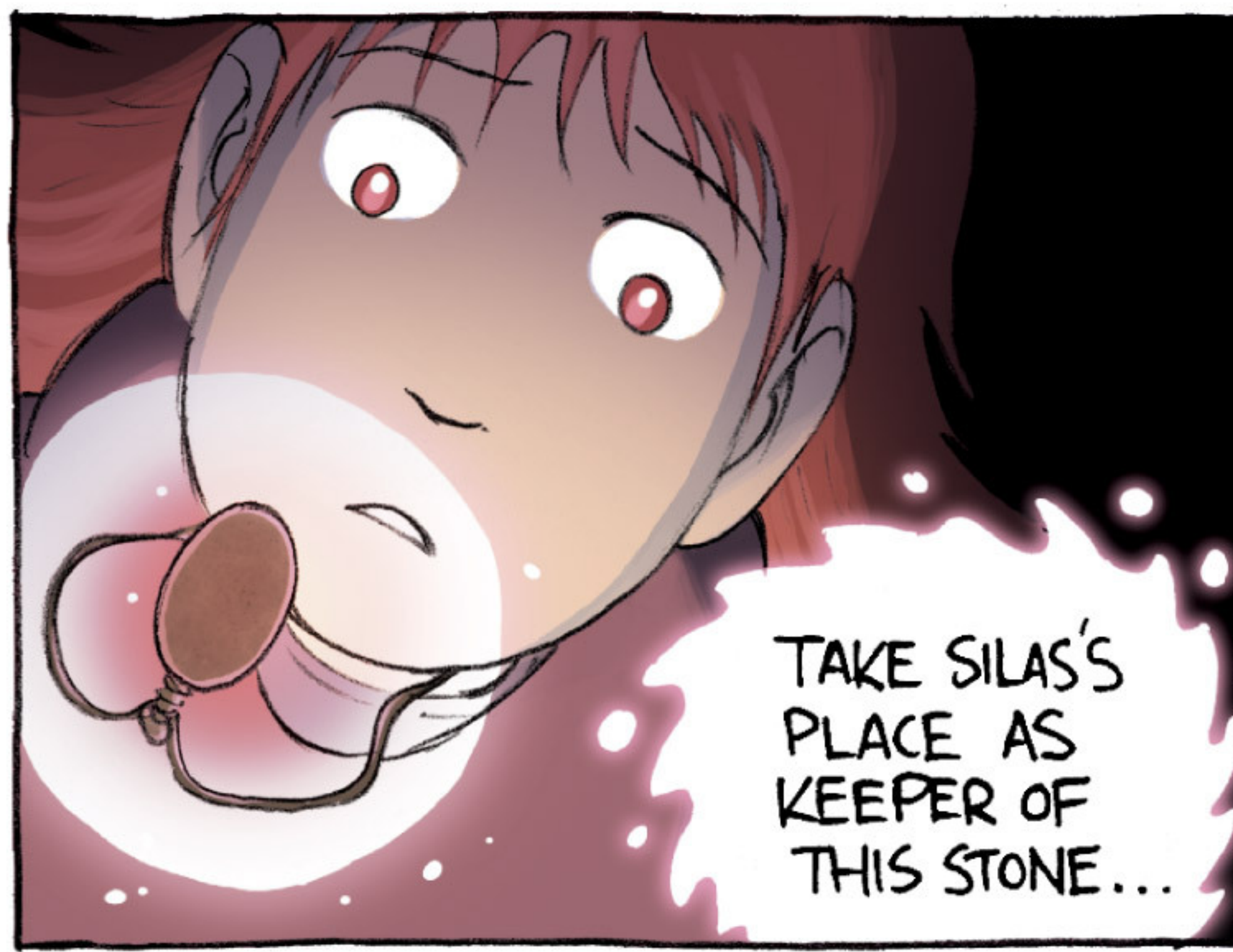


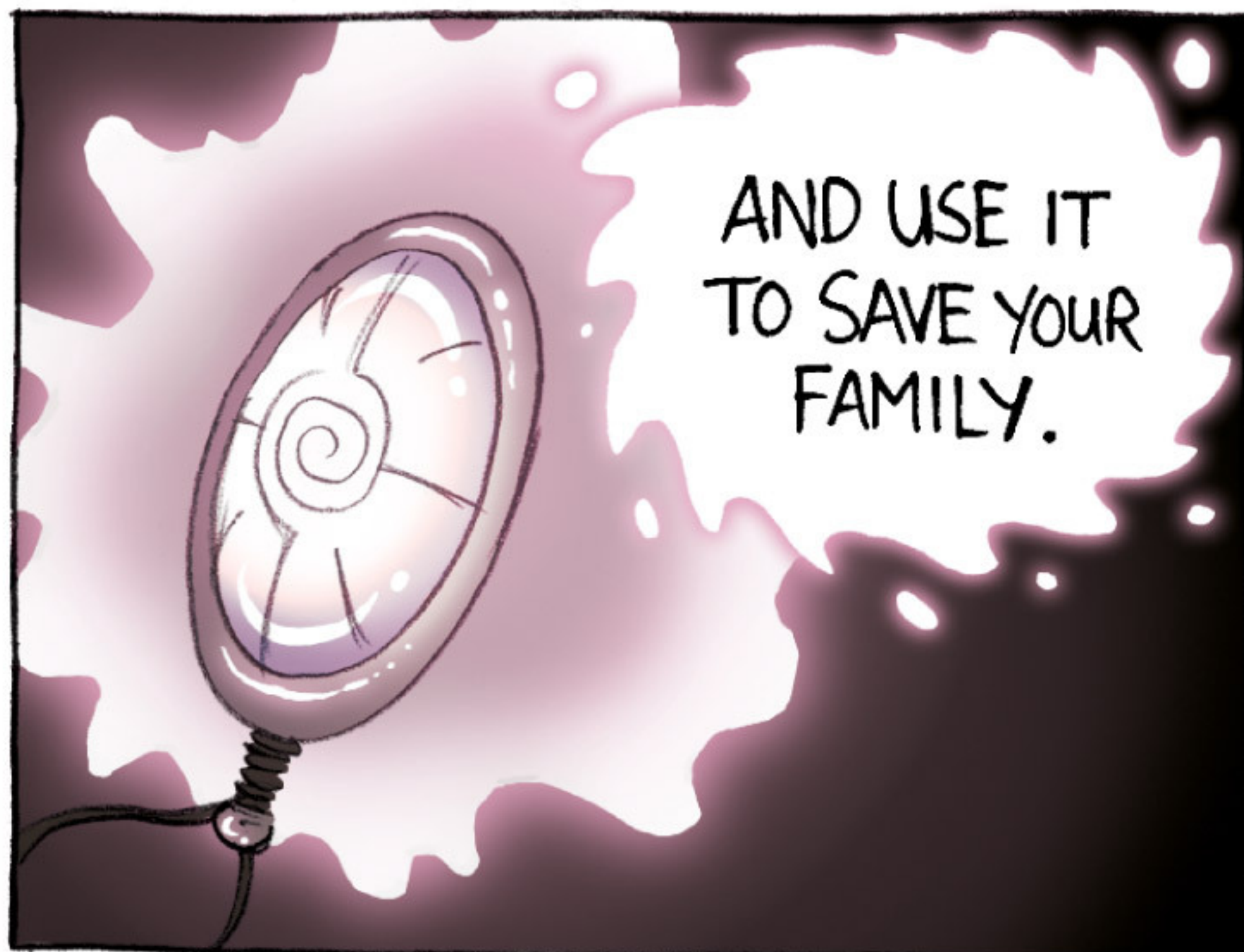
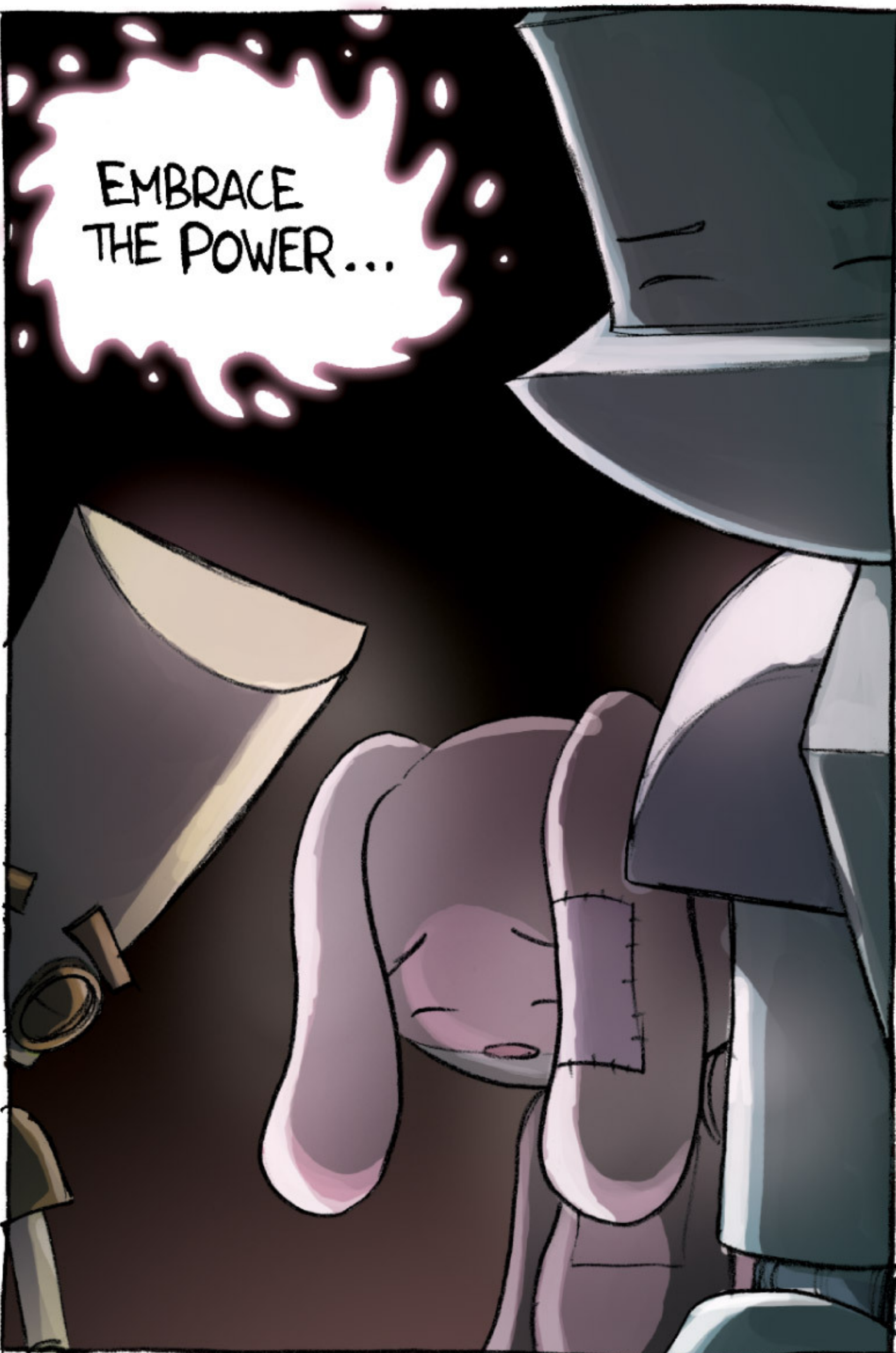
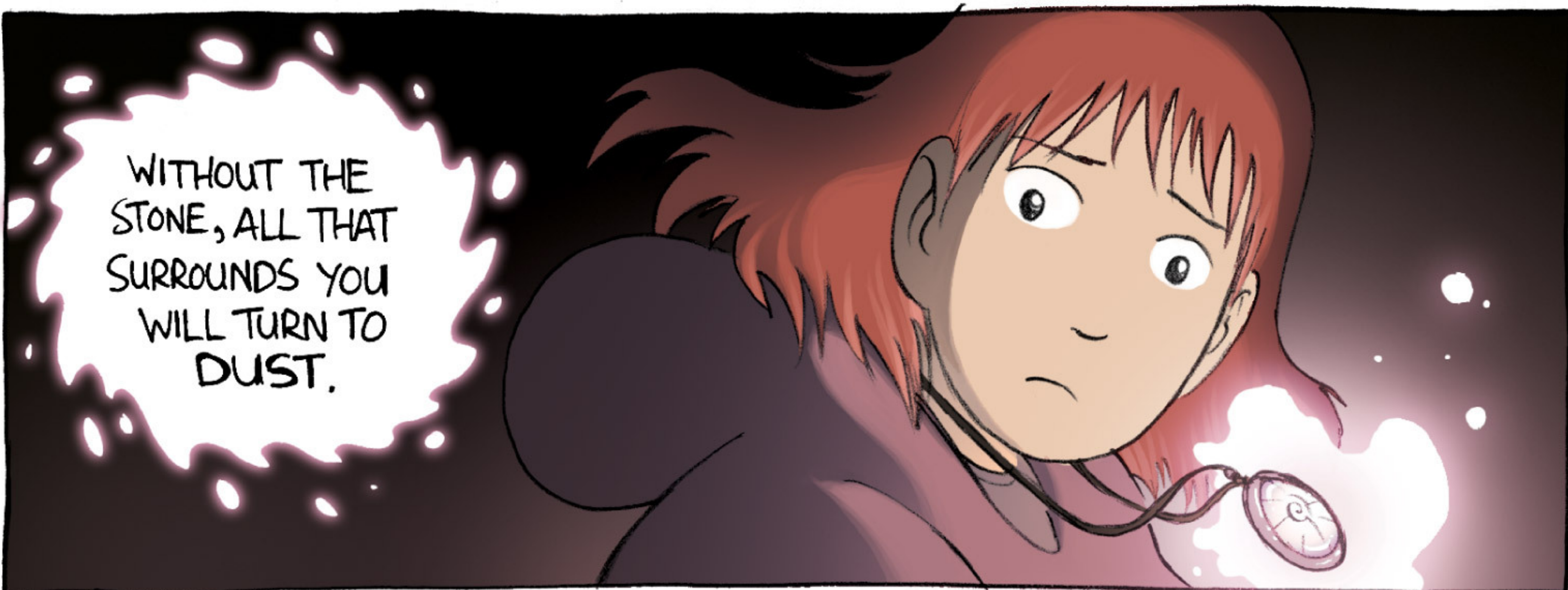


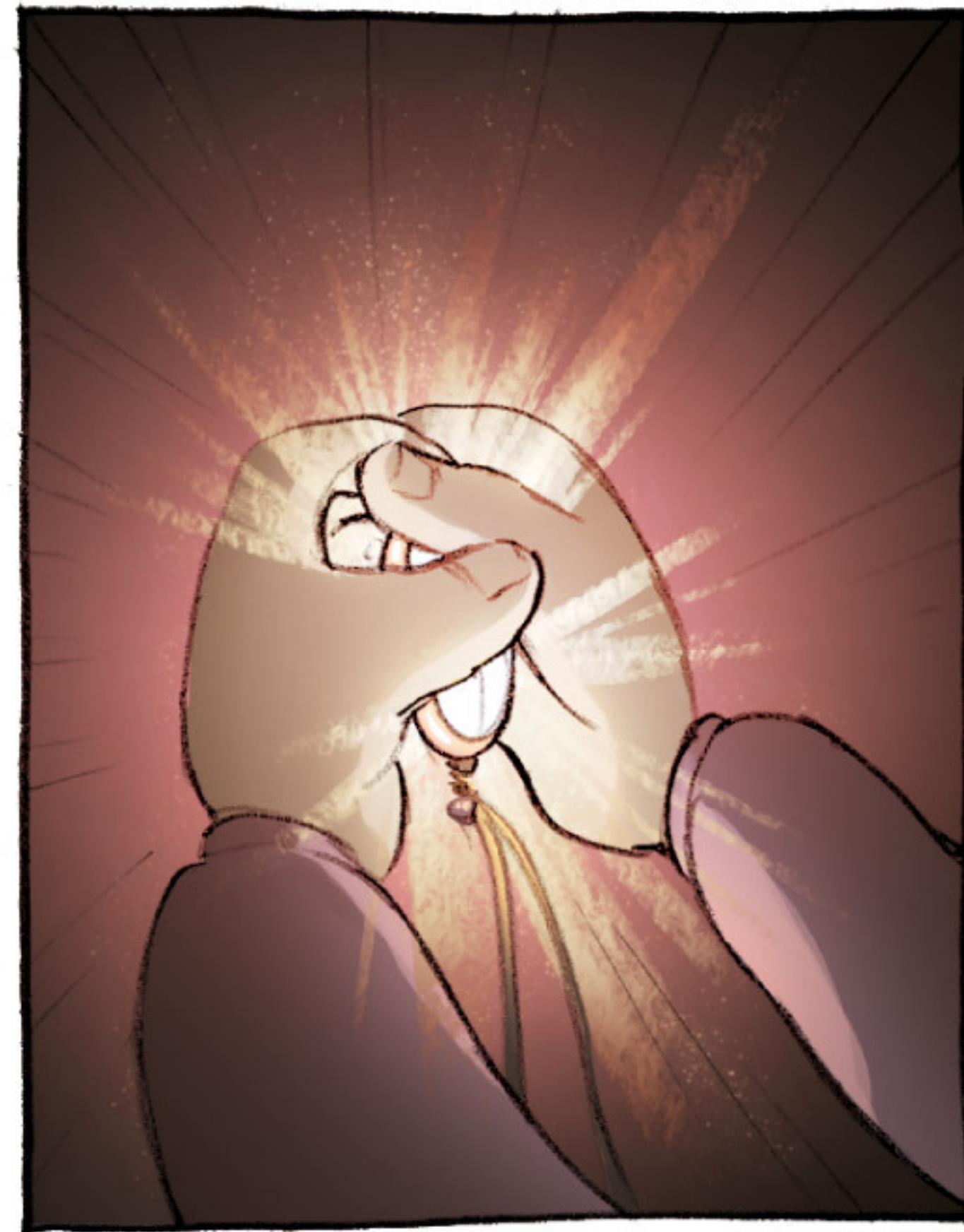
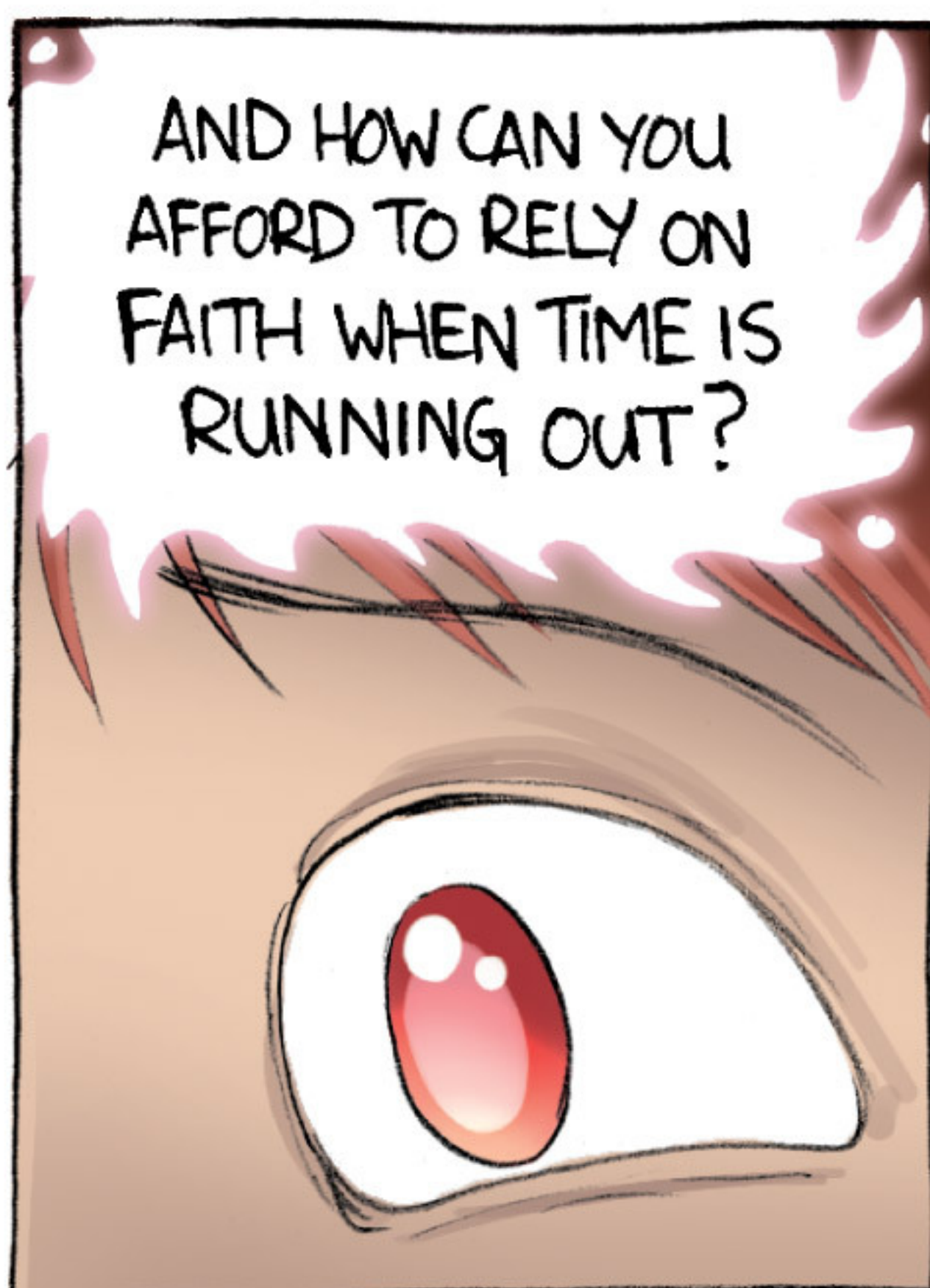
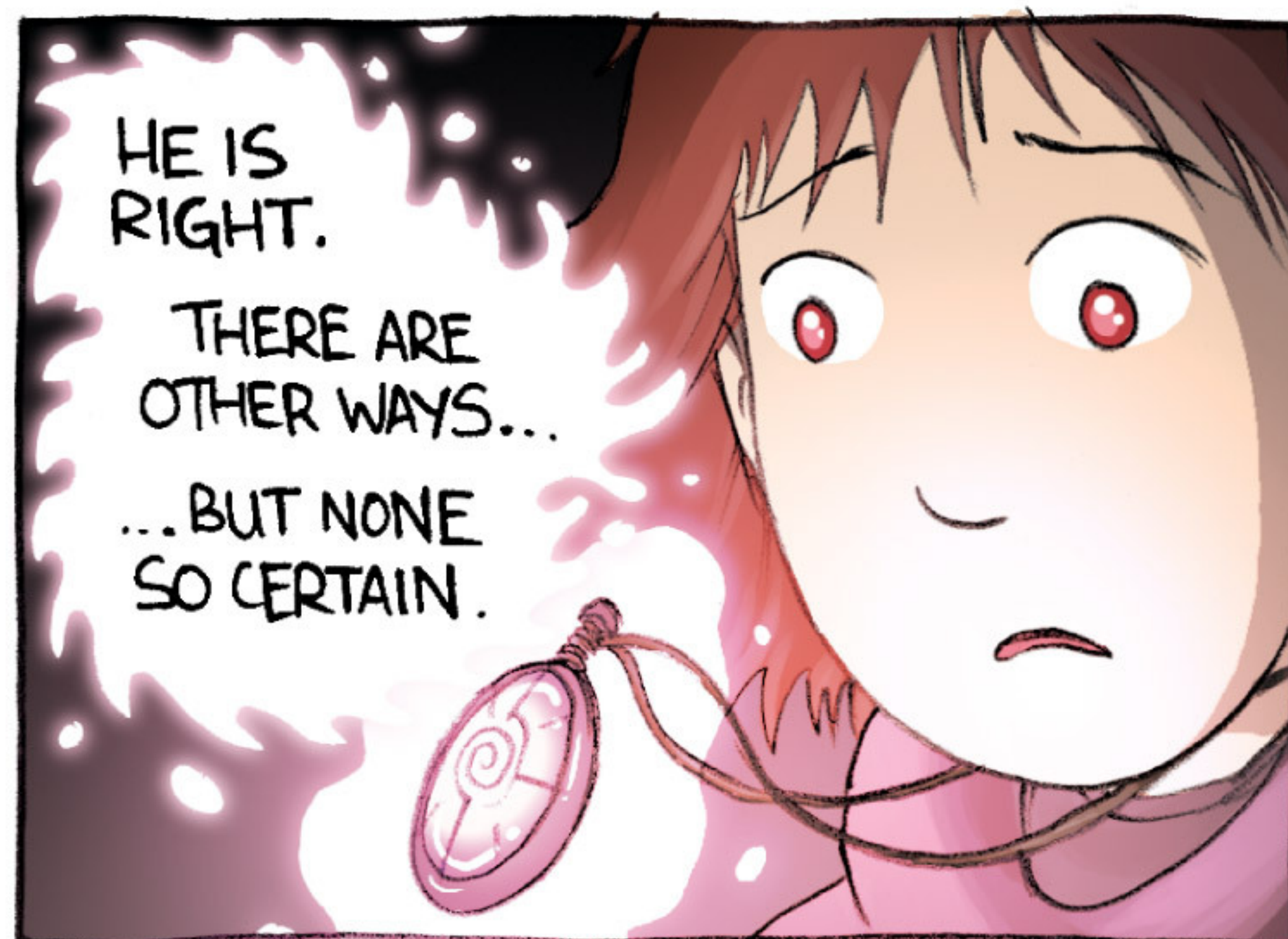


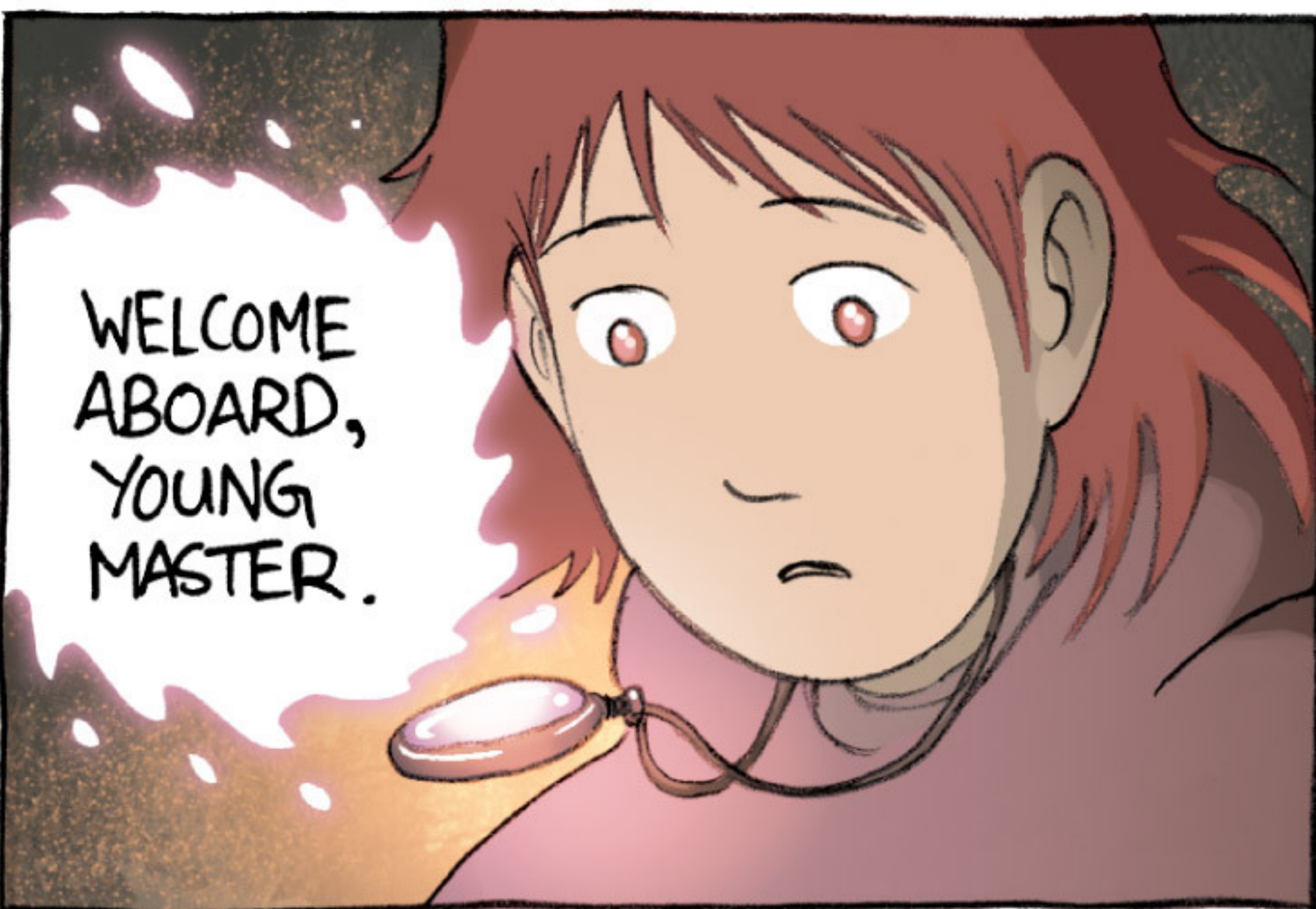
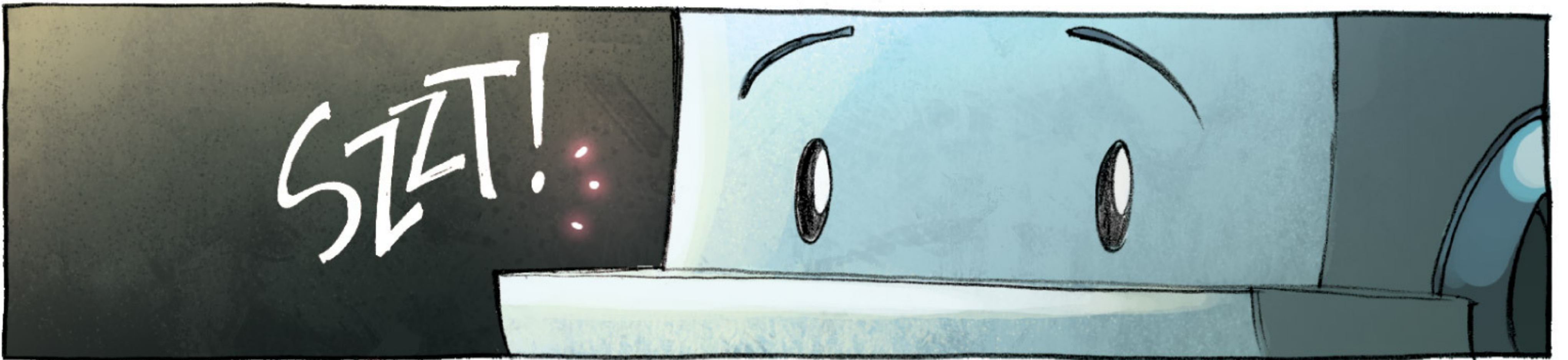
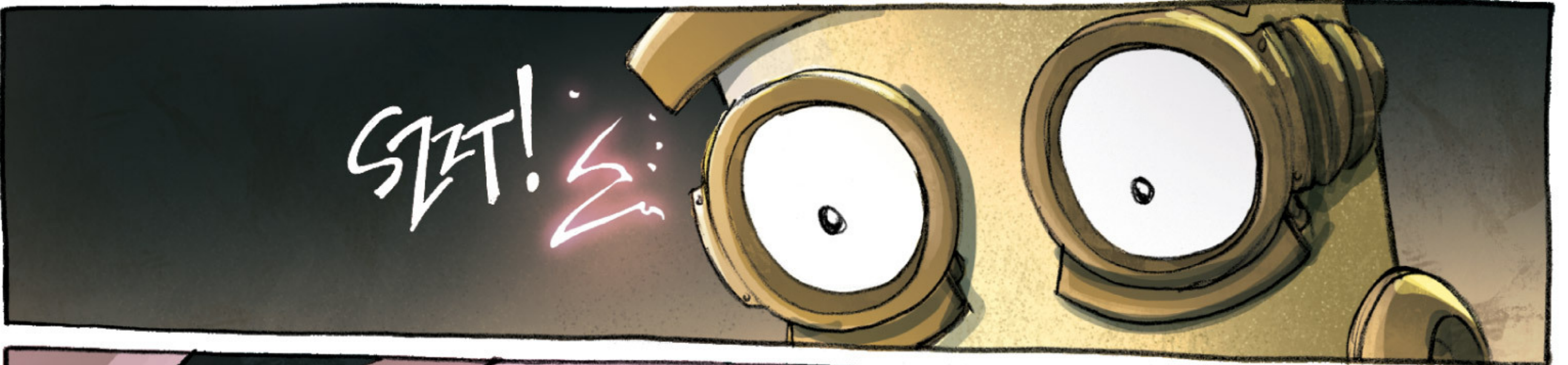
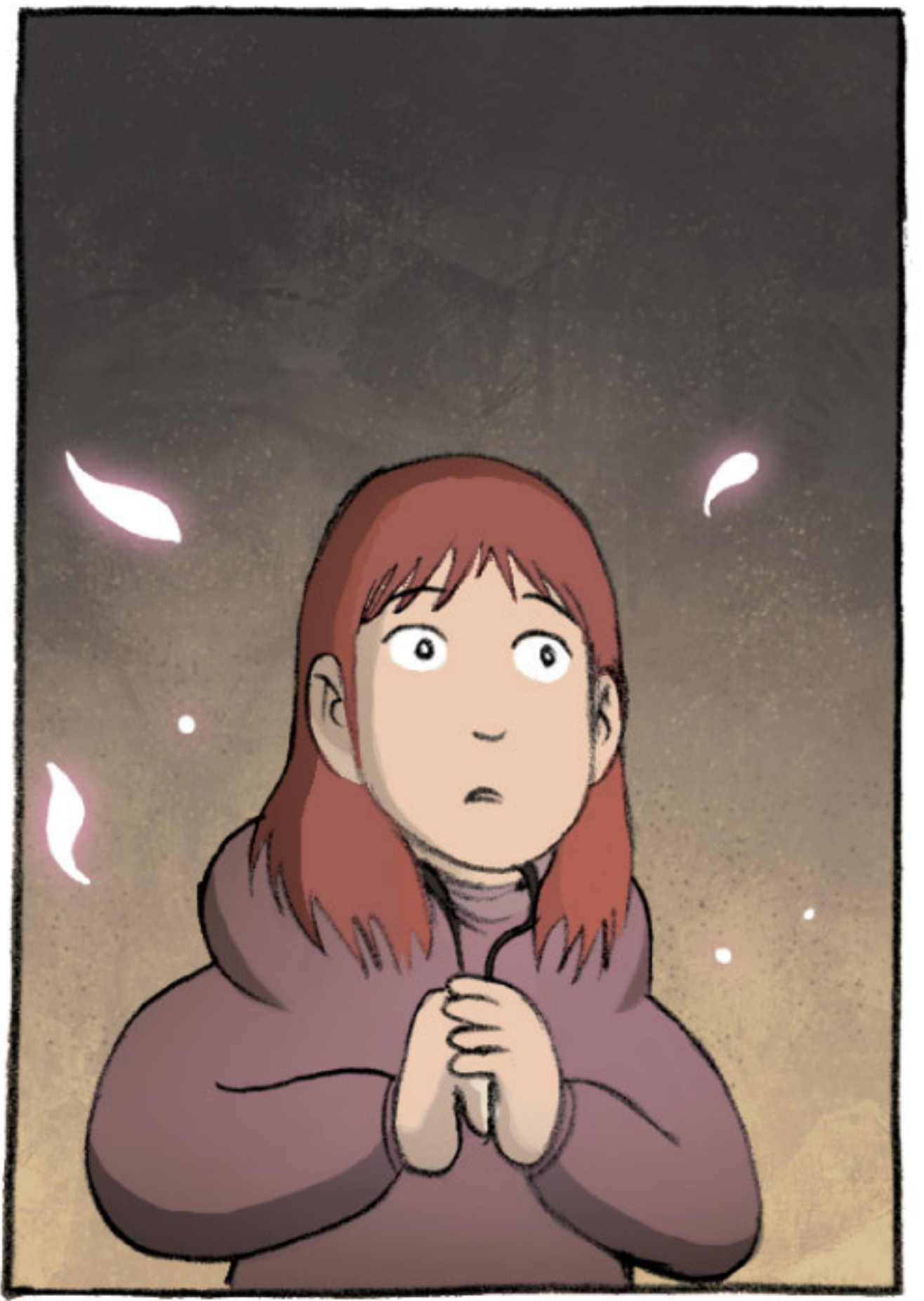
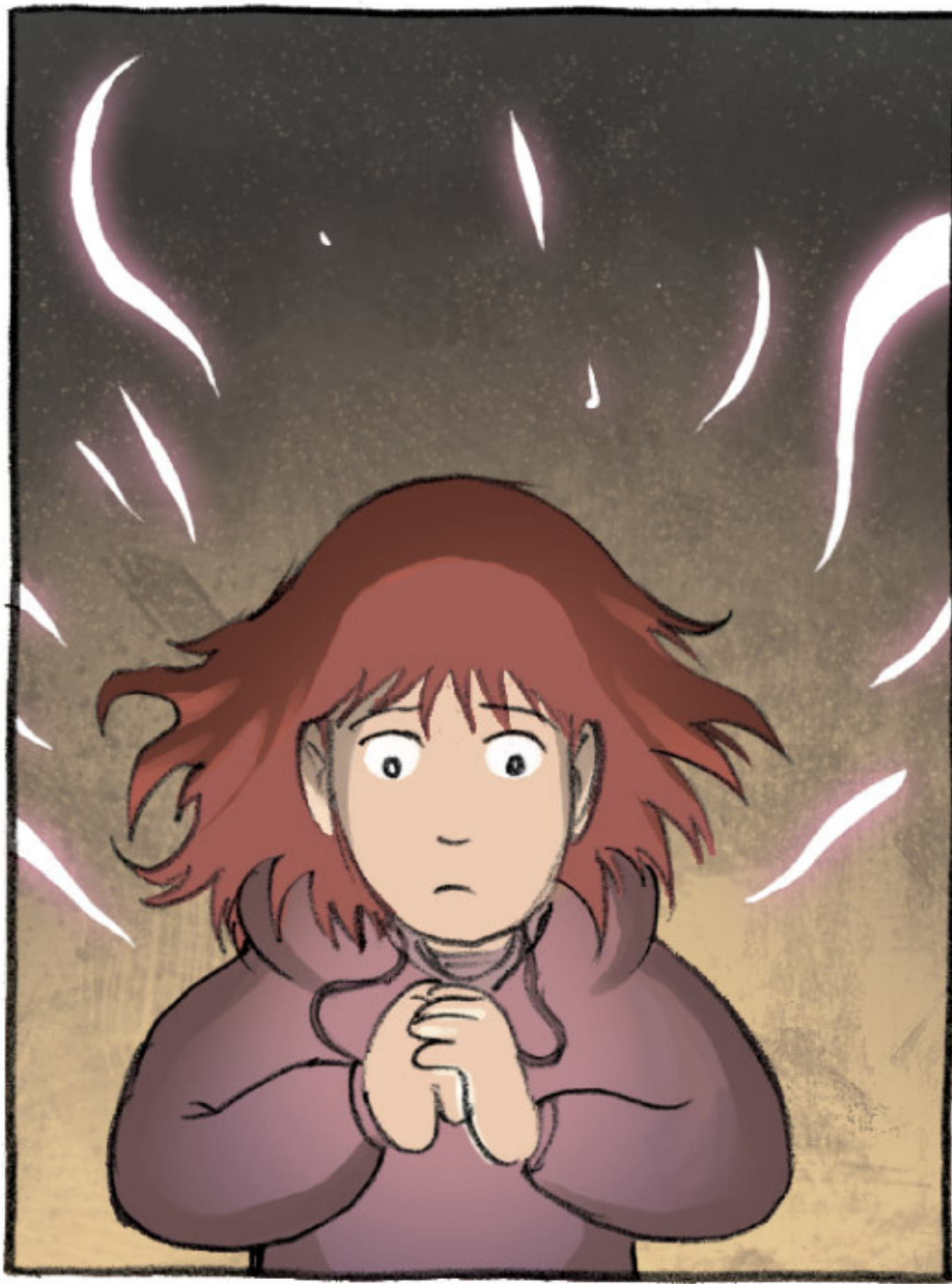


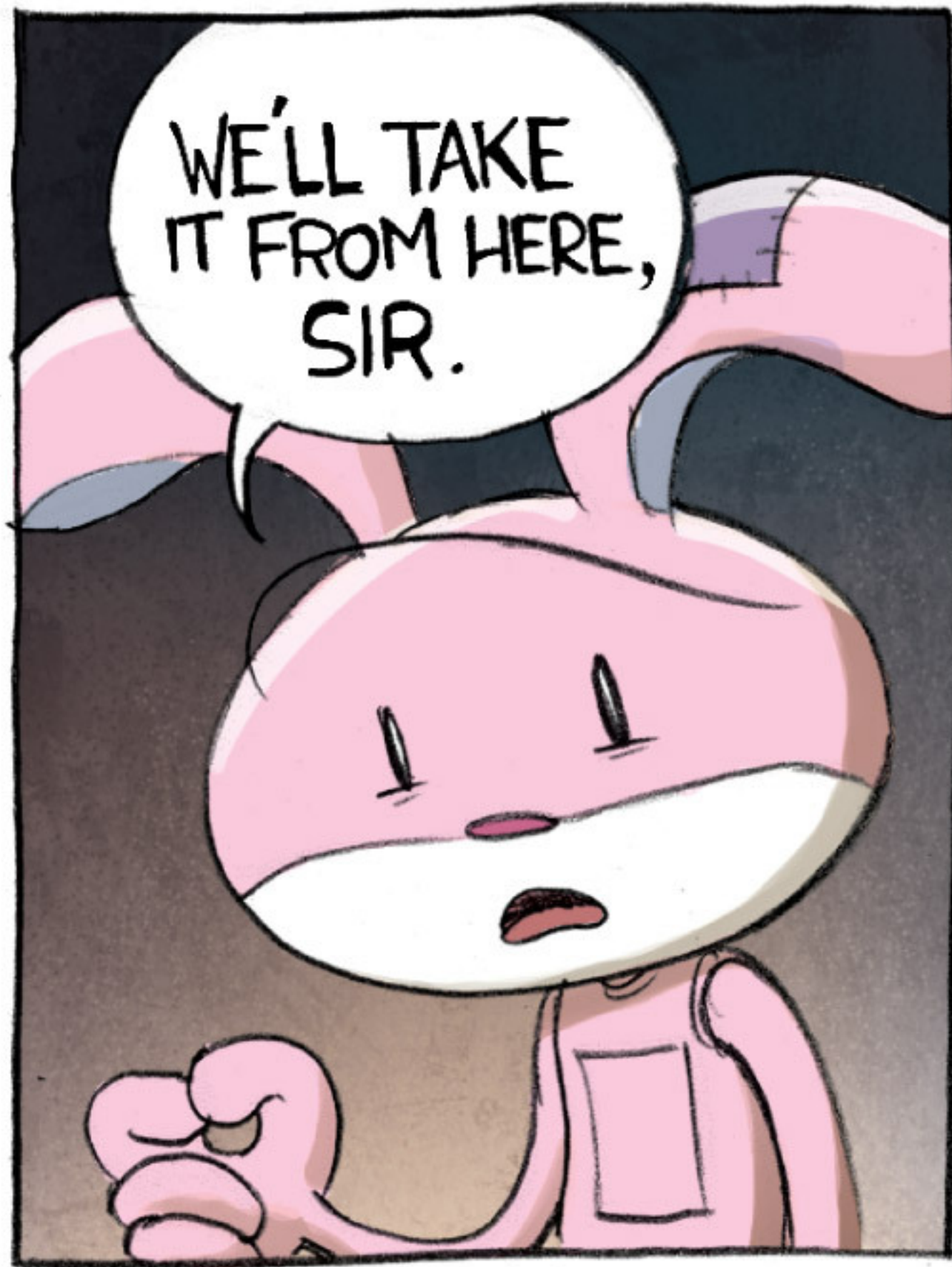
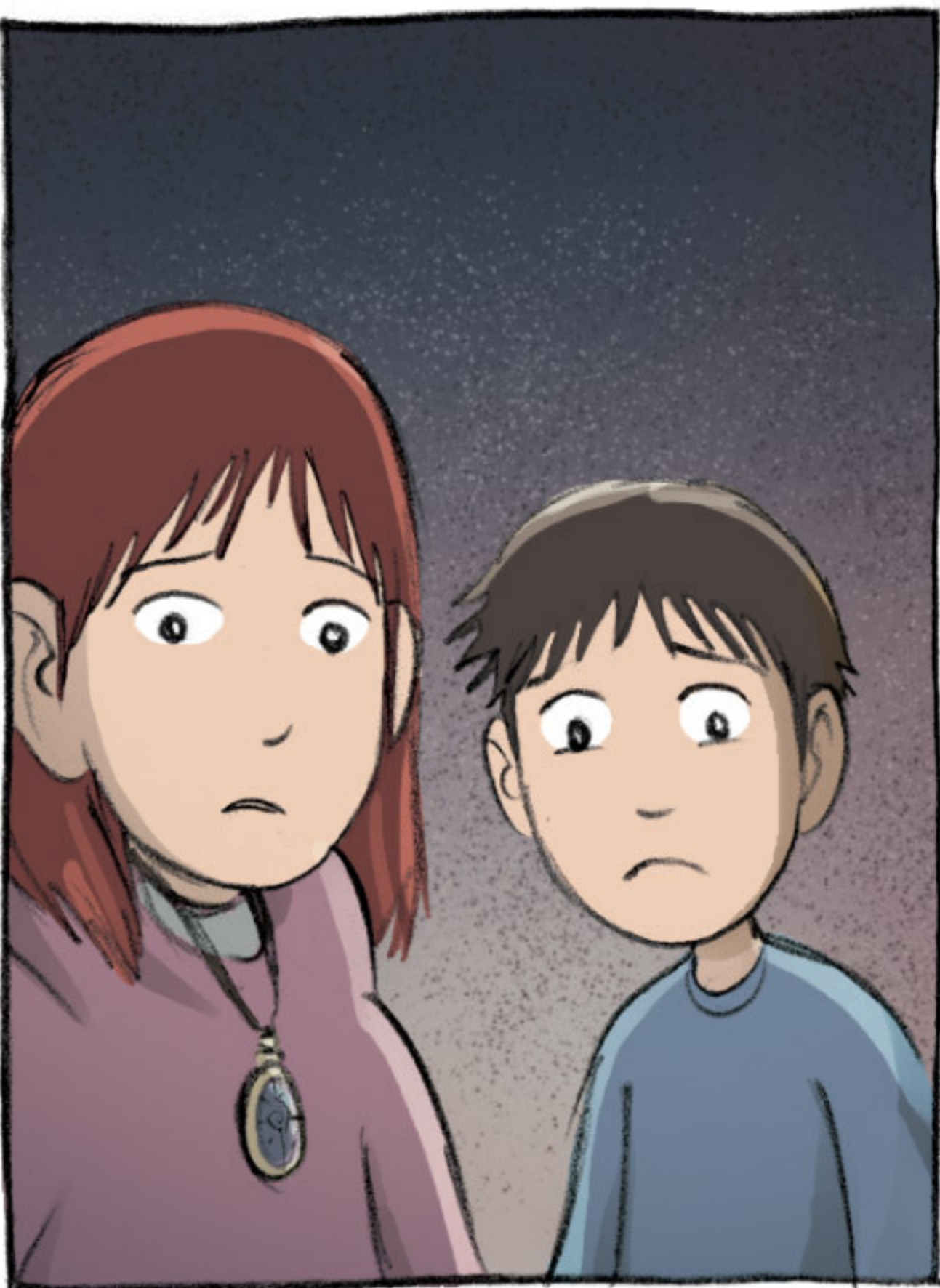
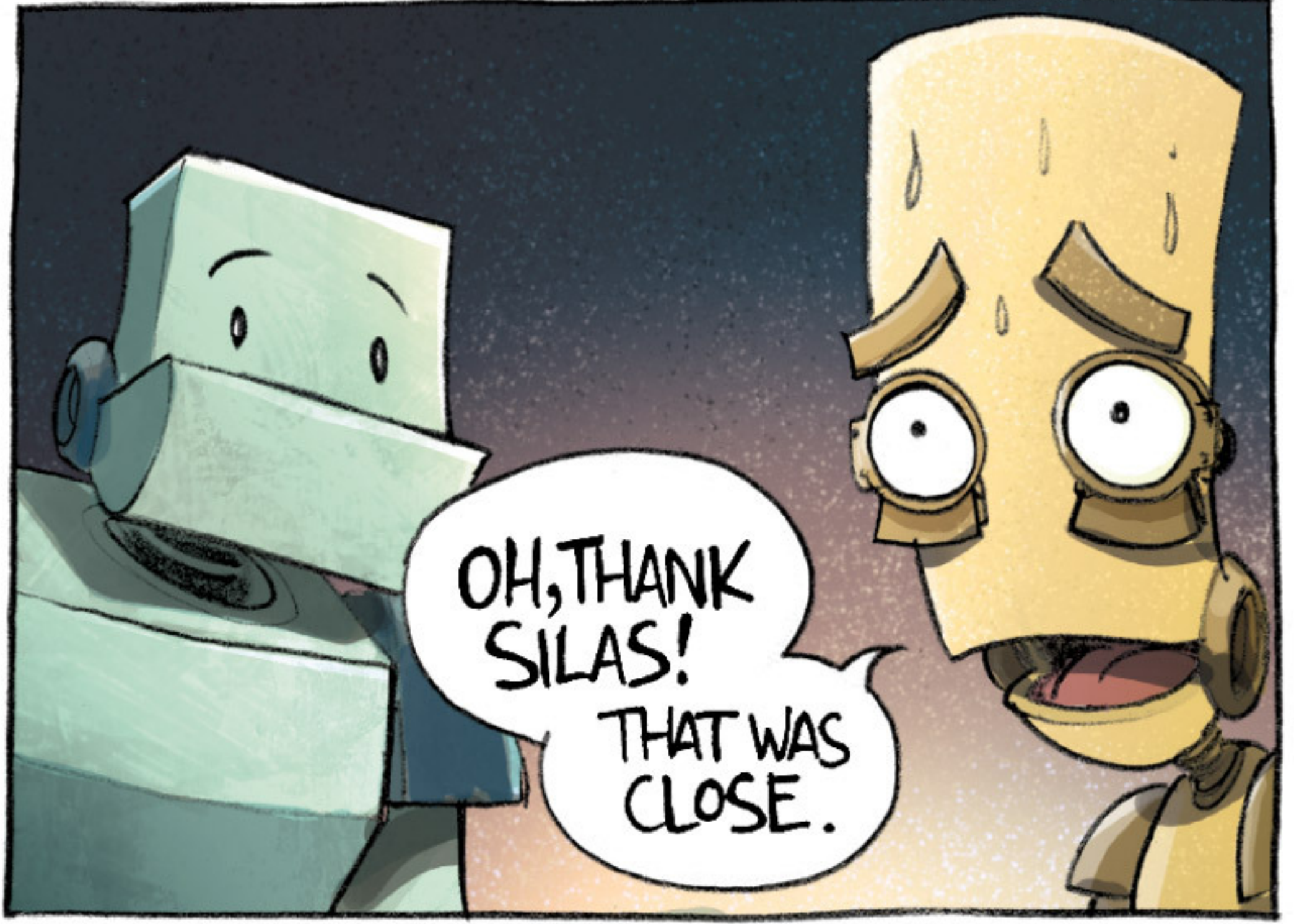
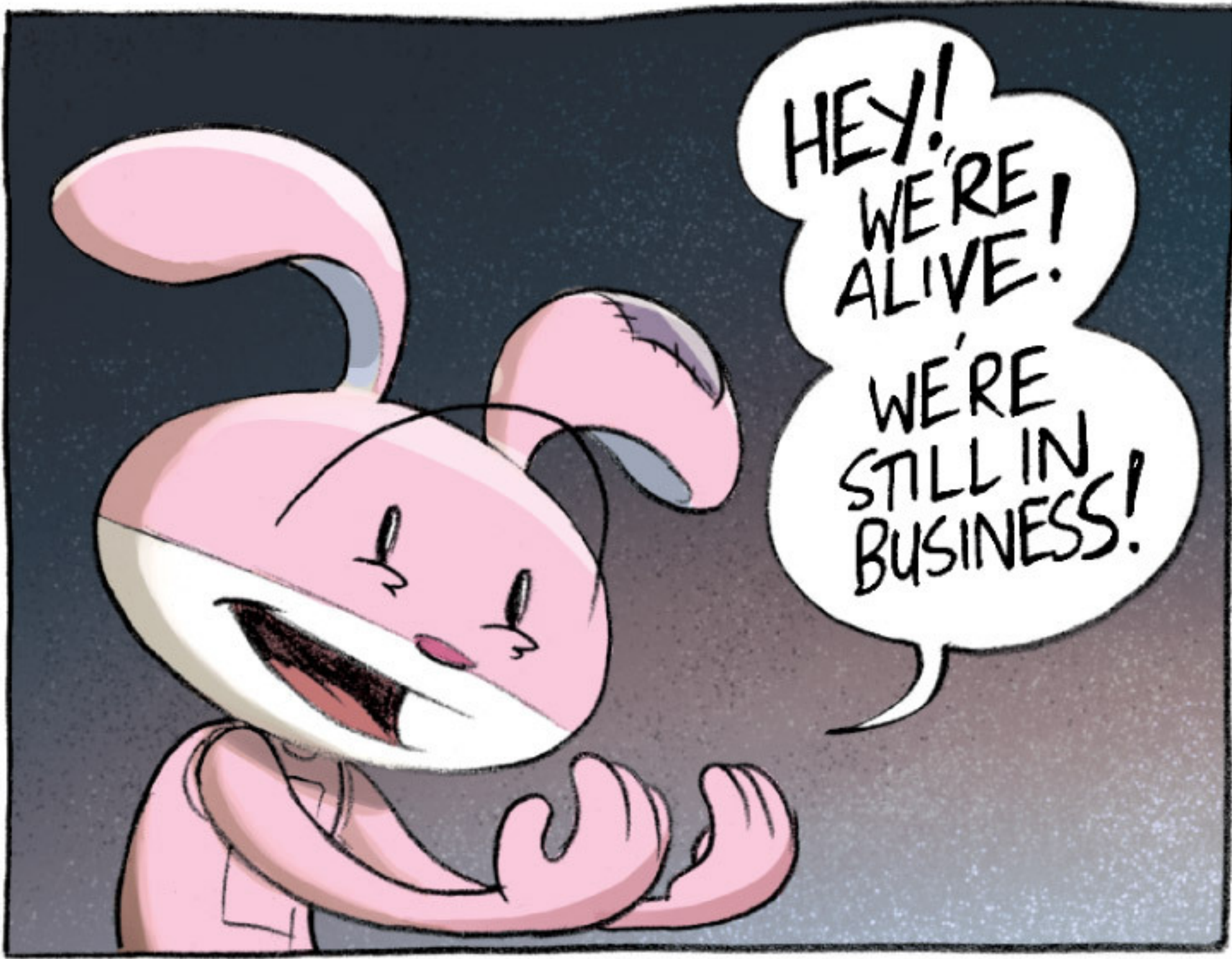


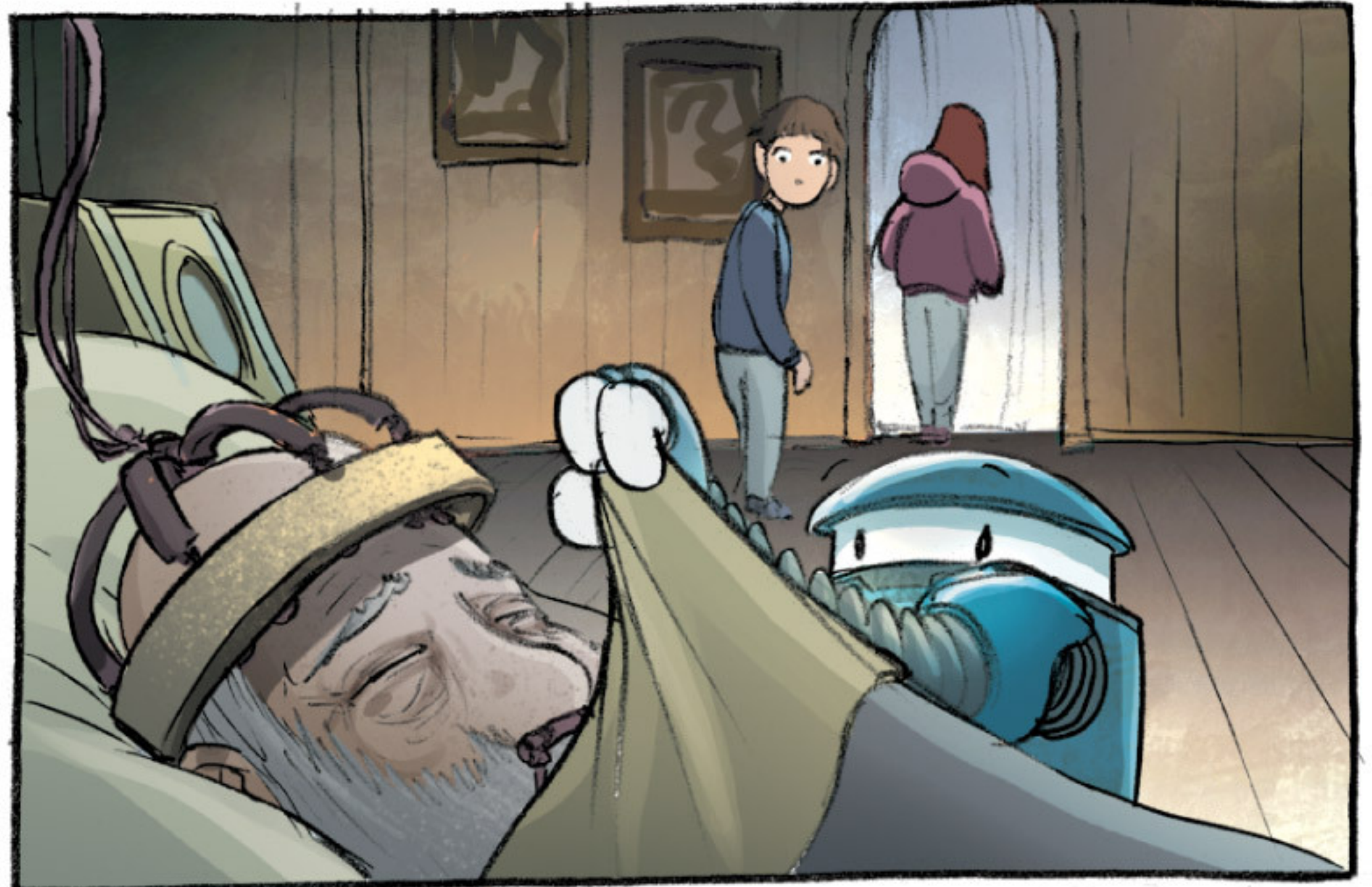
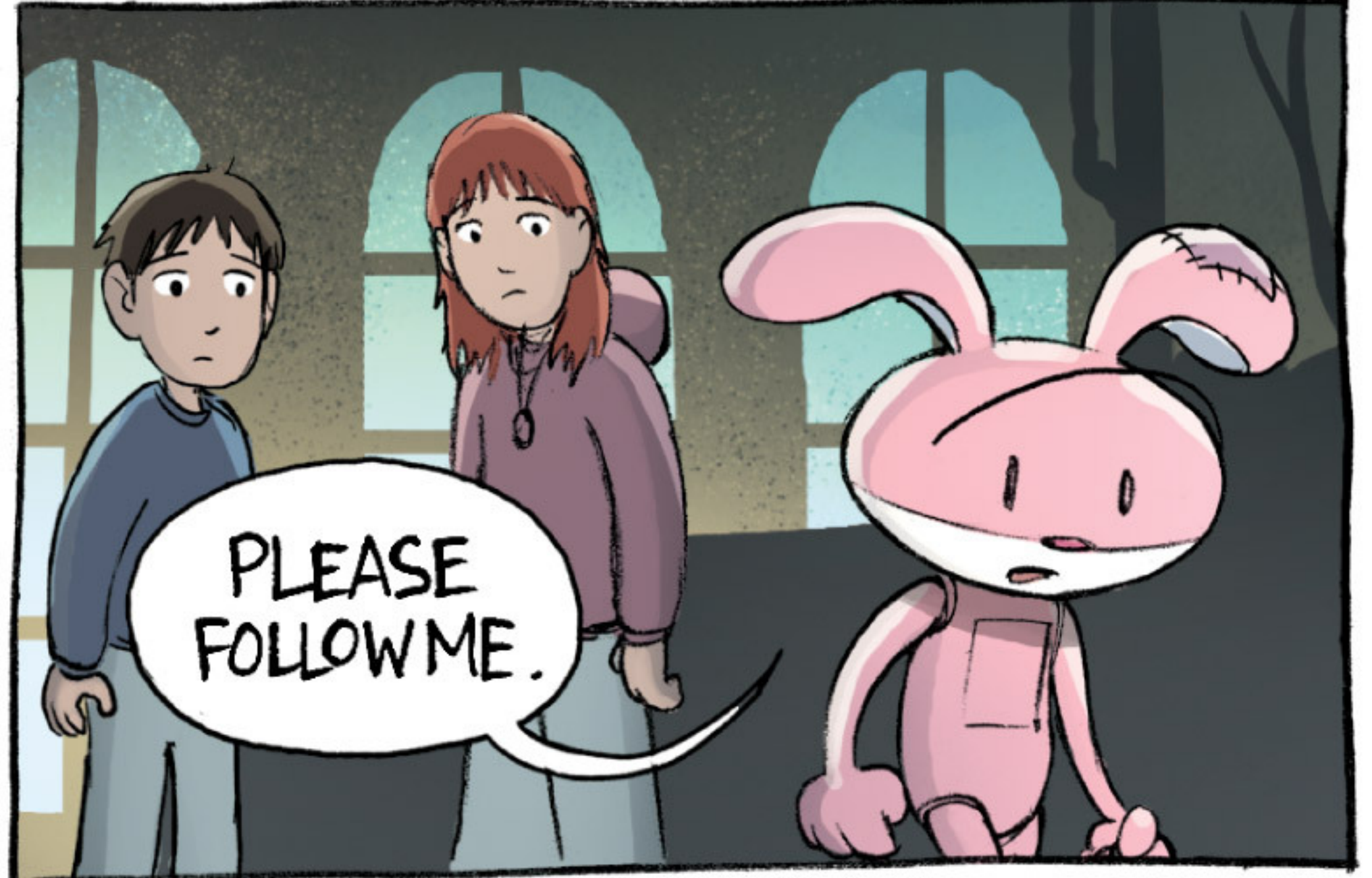
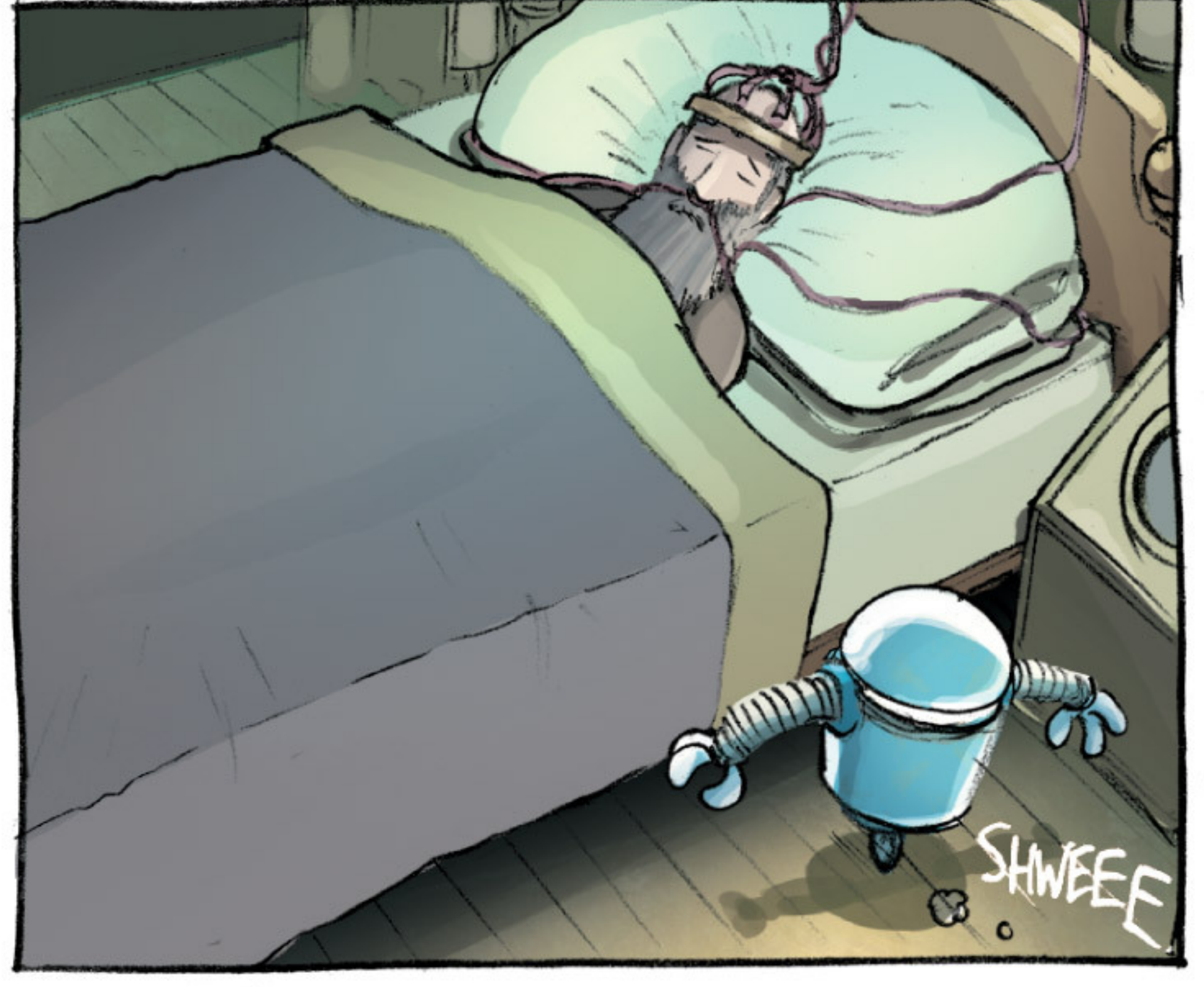
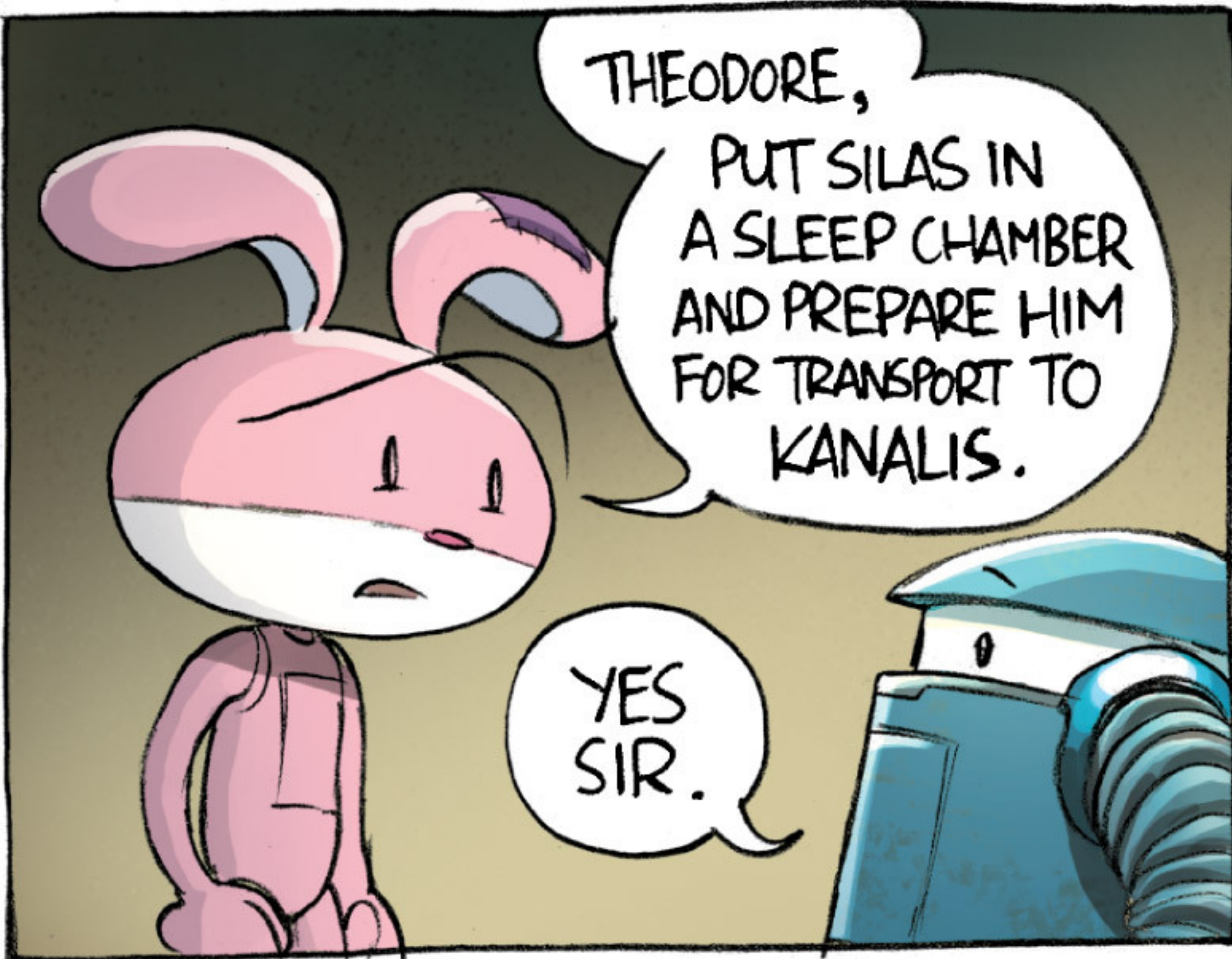
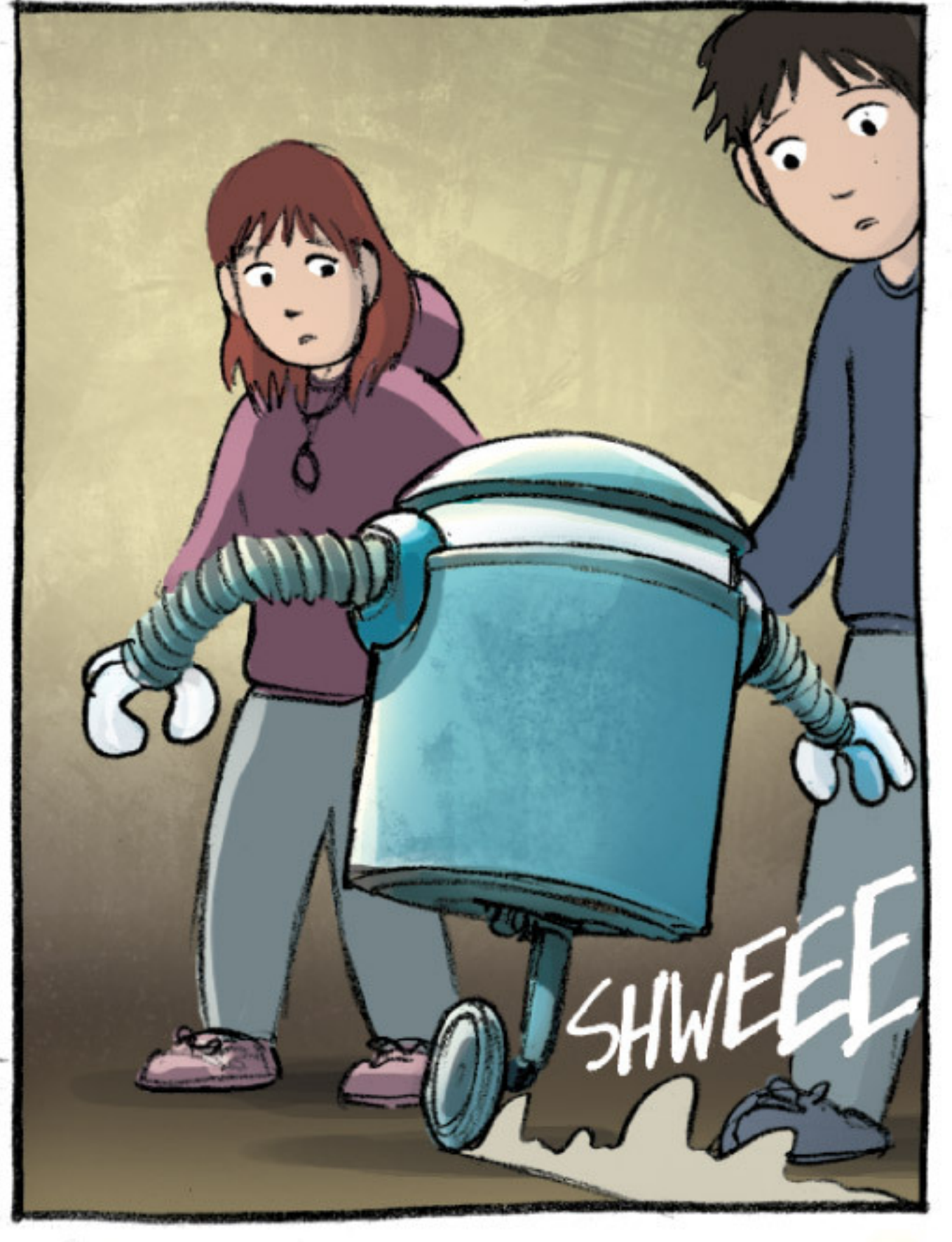
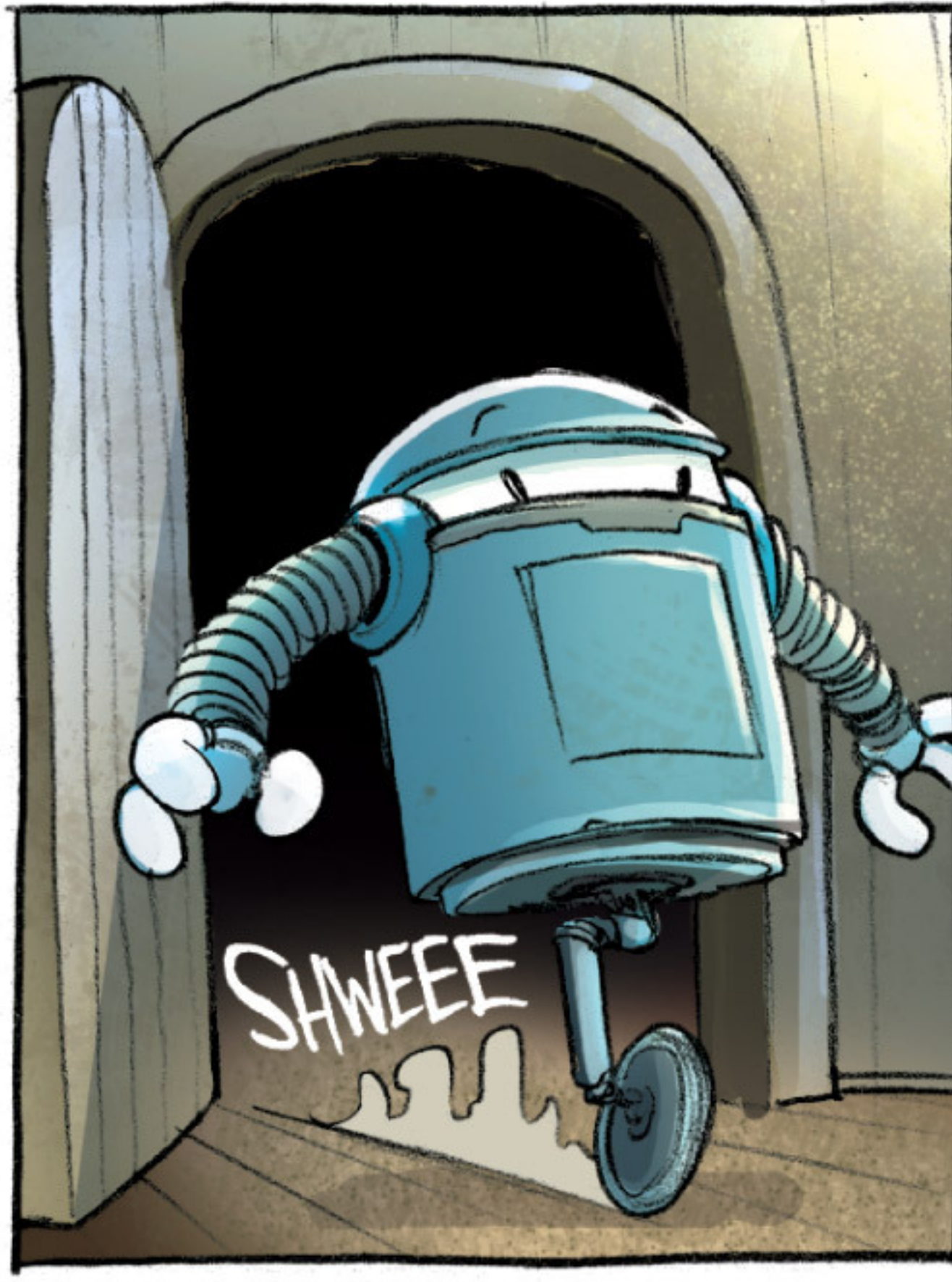


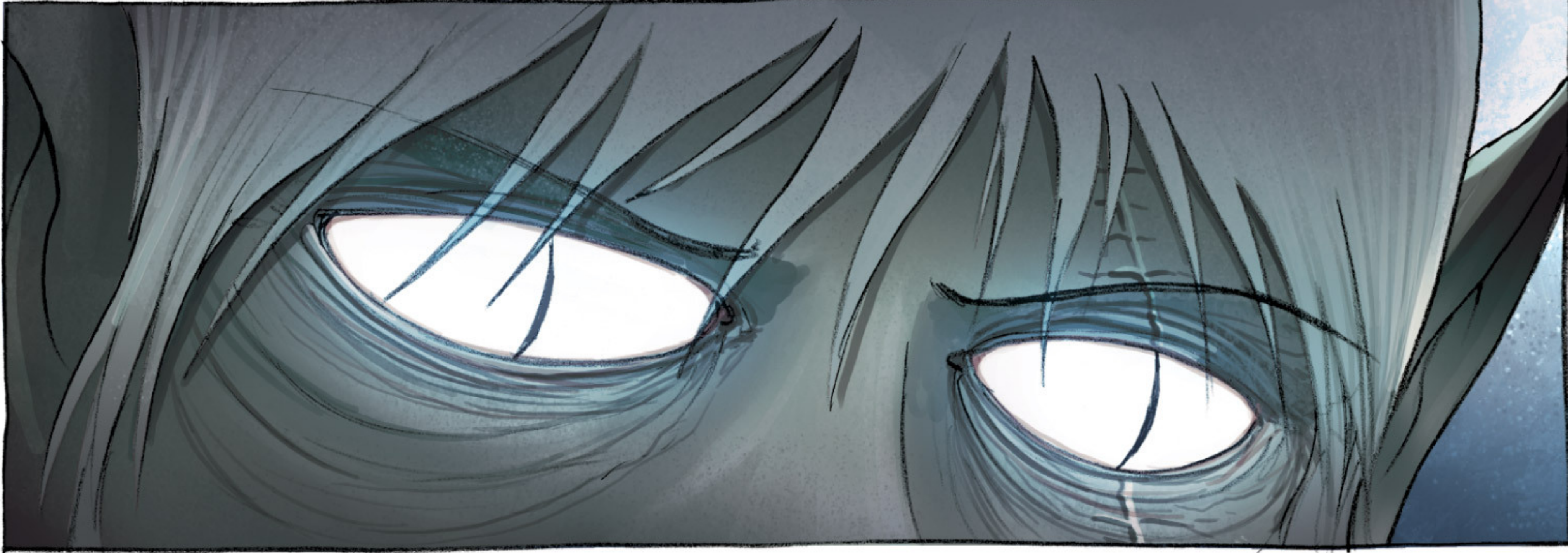
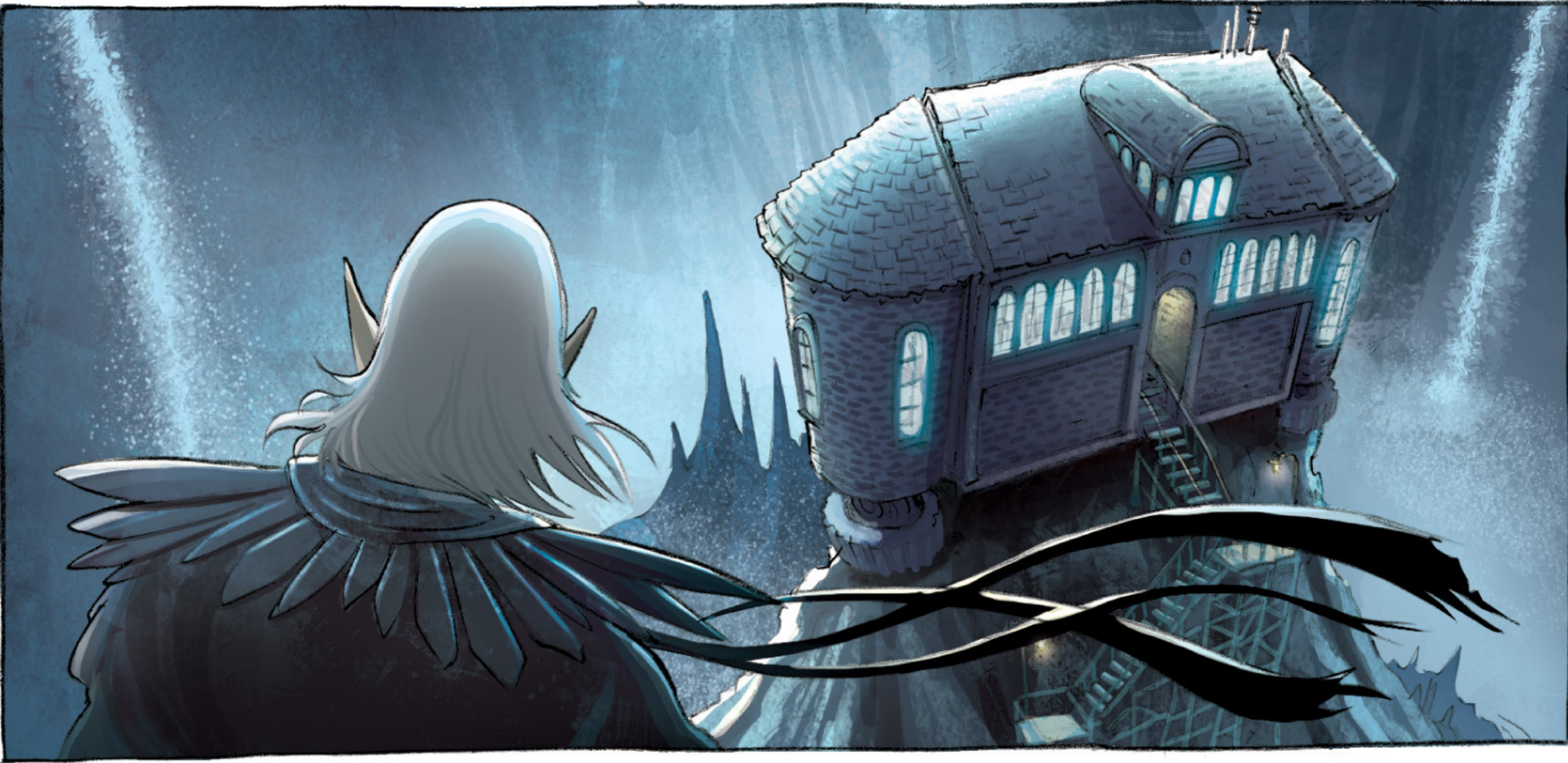
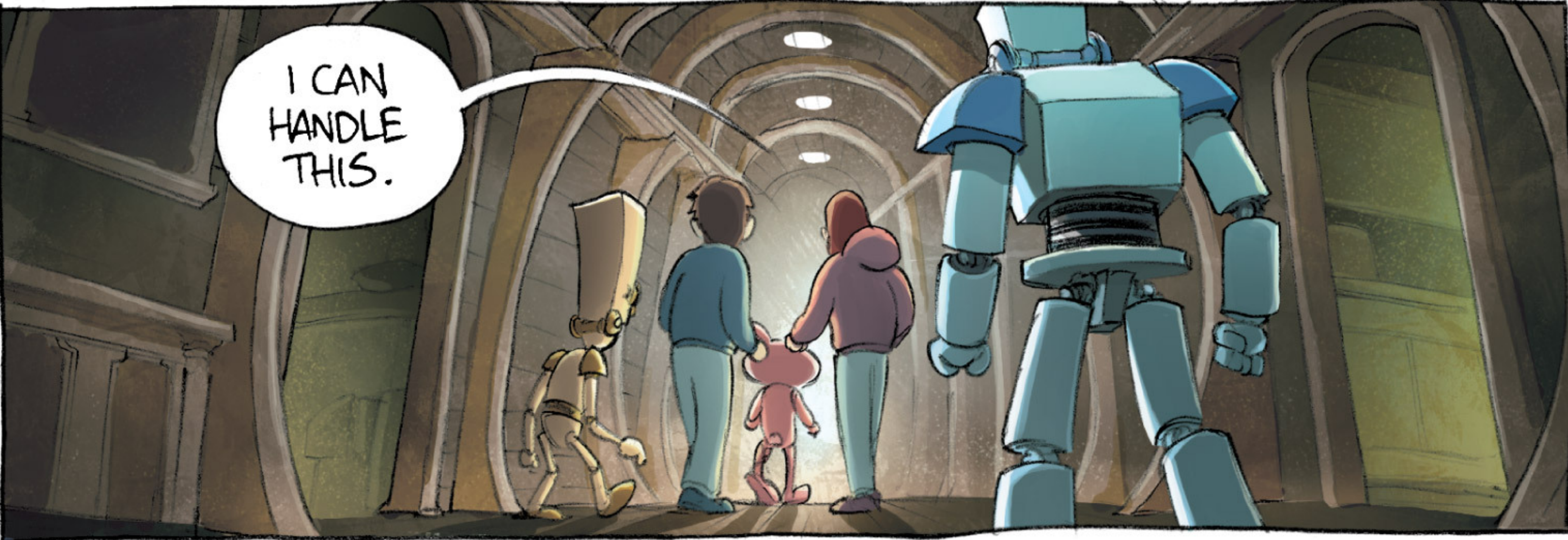
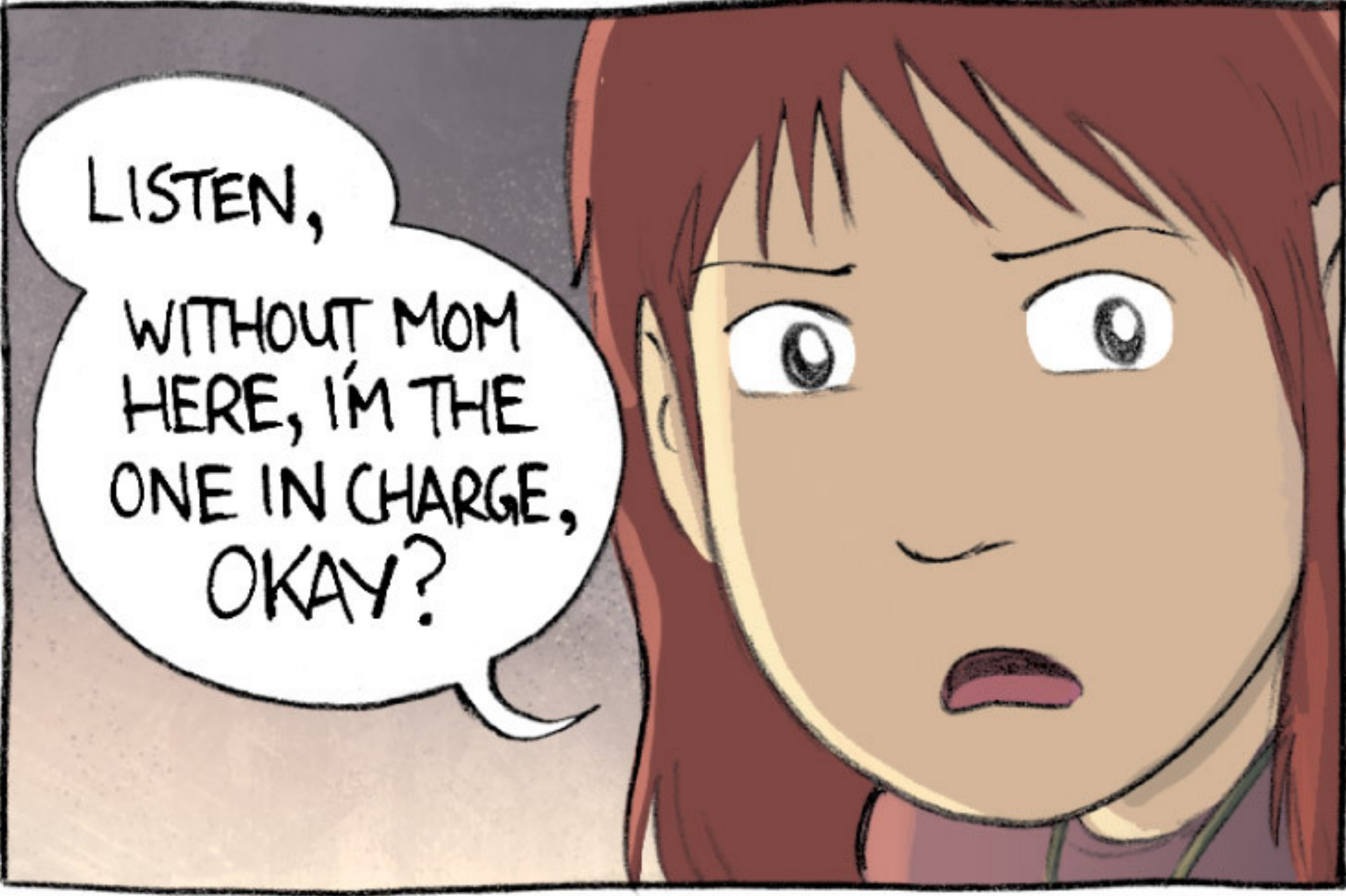
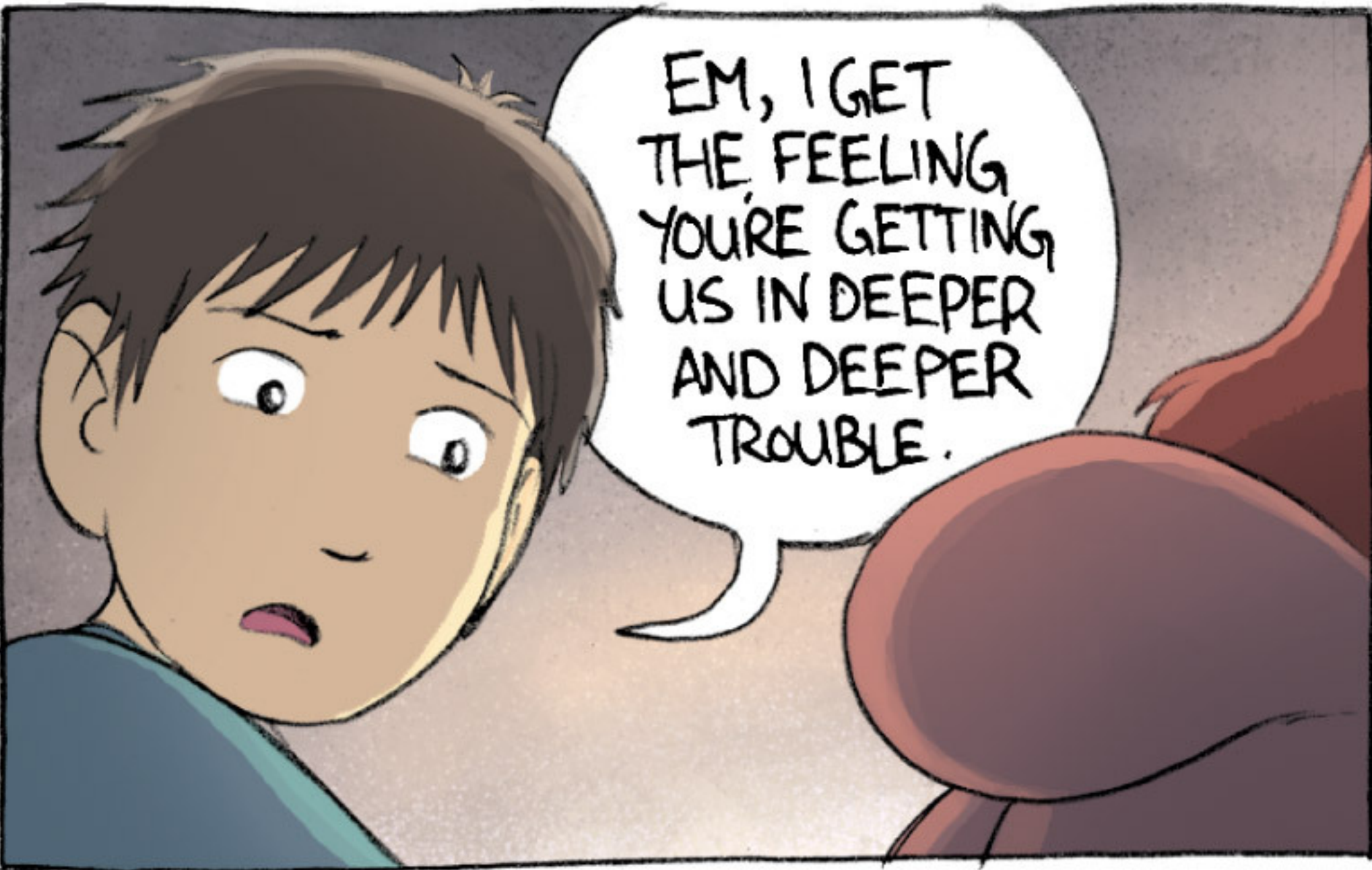






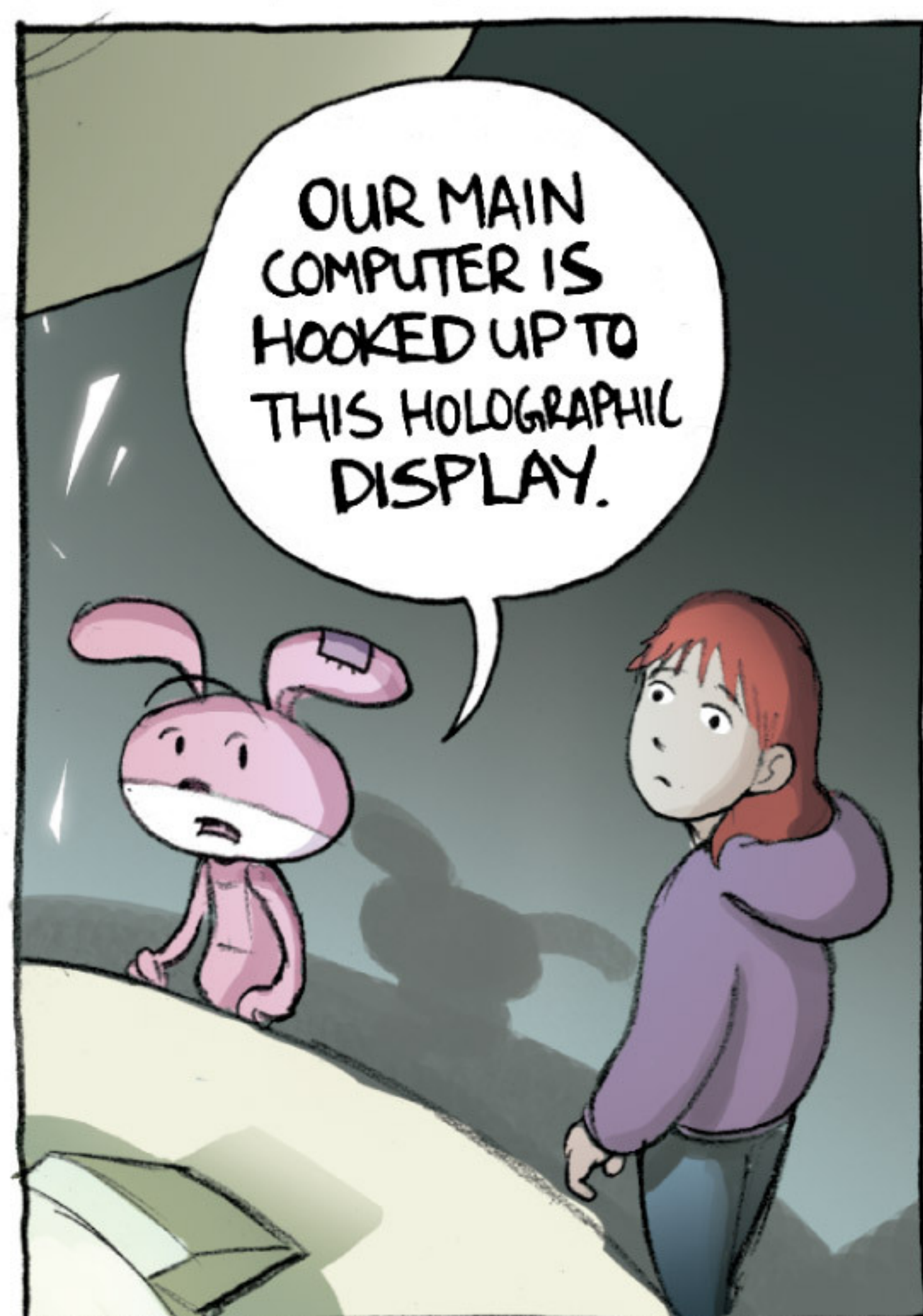




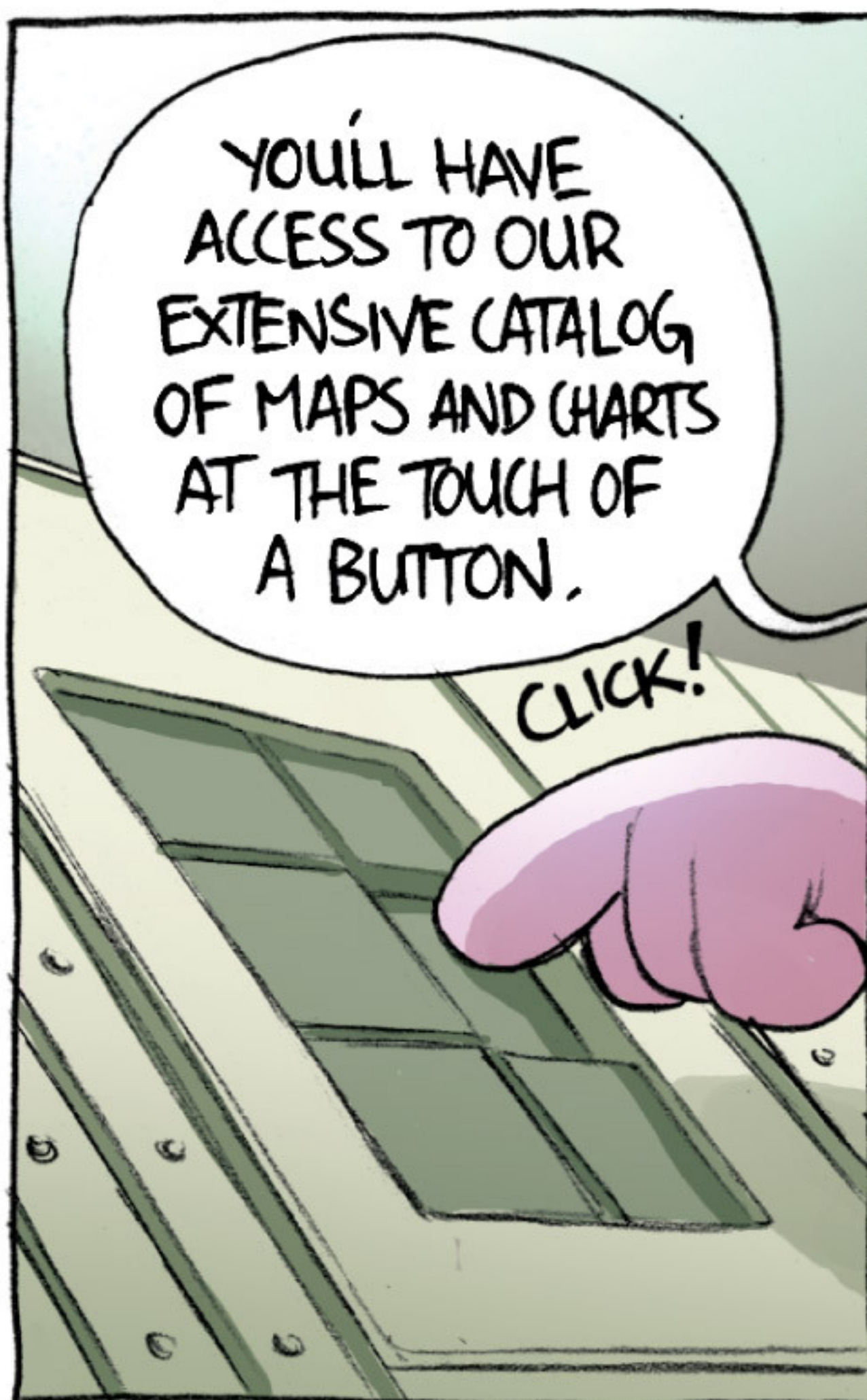




THIS IS OUR
COMMAND
CENTER.
IT'S WHERE
WE HAVE OUR
MISSION BRIEFINGS.

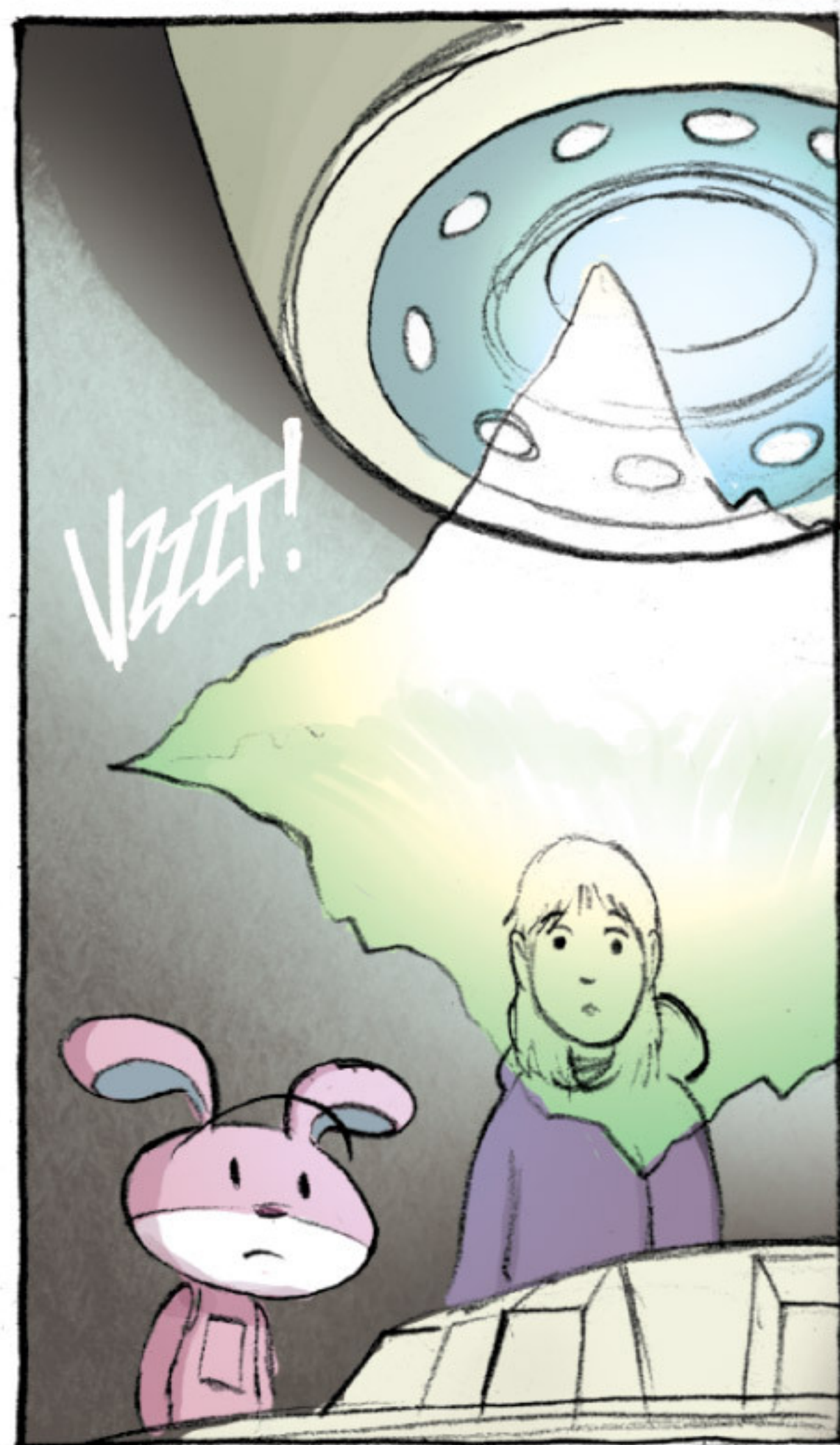


OUR MAIN
COMPUTER IS
HOOKED UP TO
THIS HOLOGRAPHIC
DISPLAY.

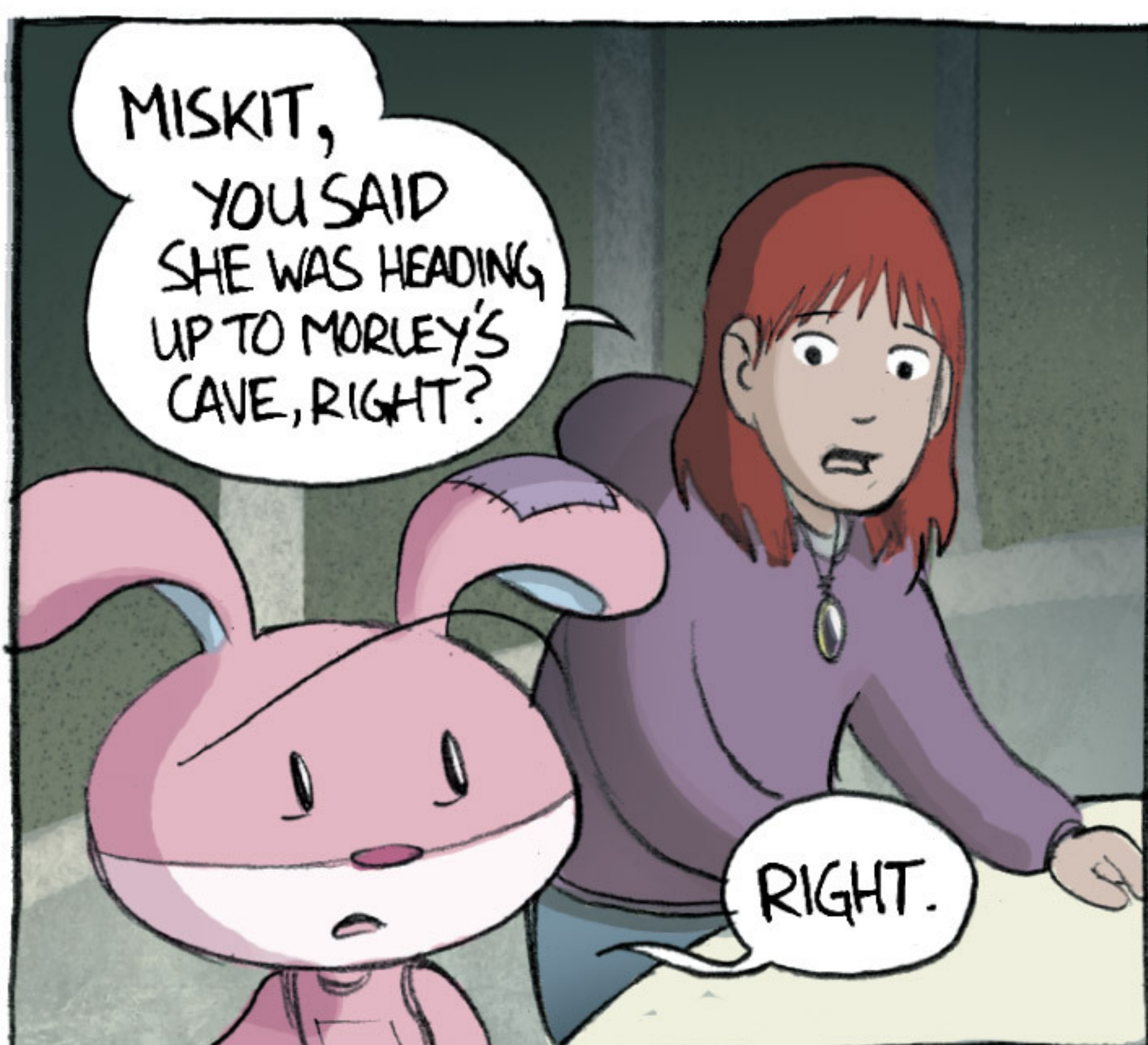
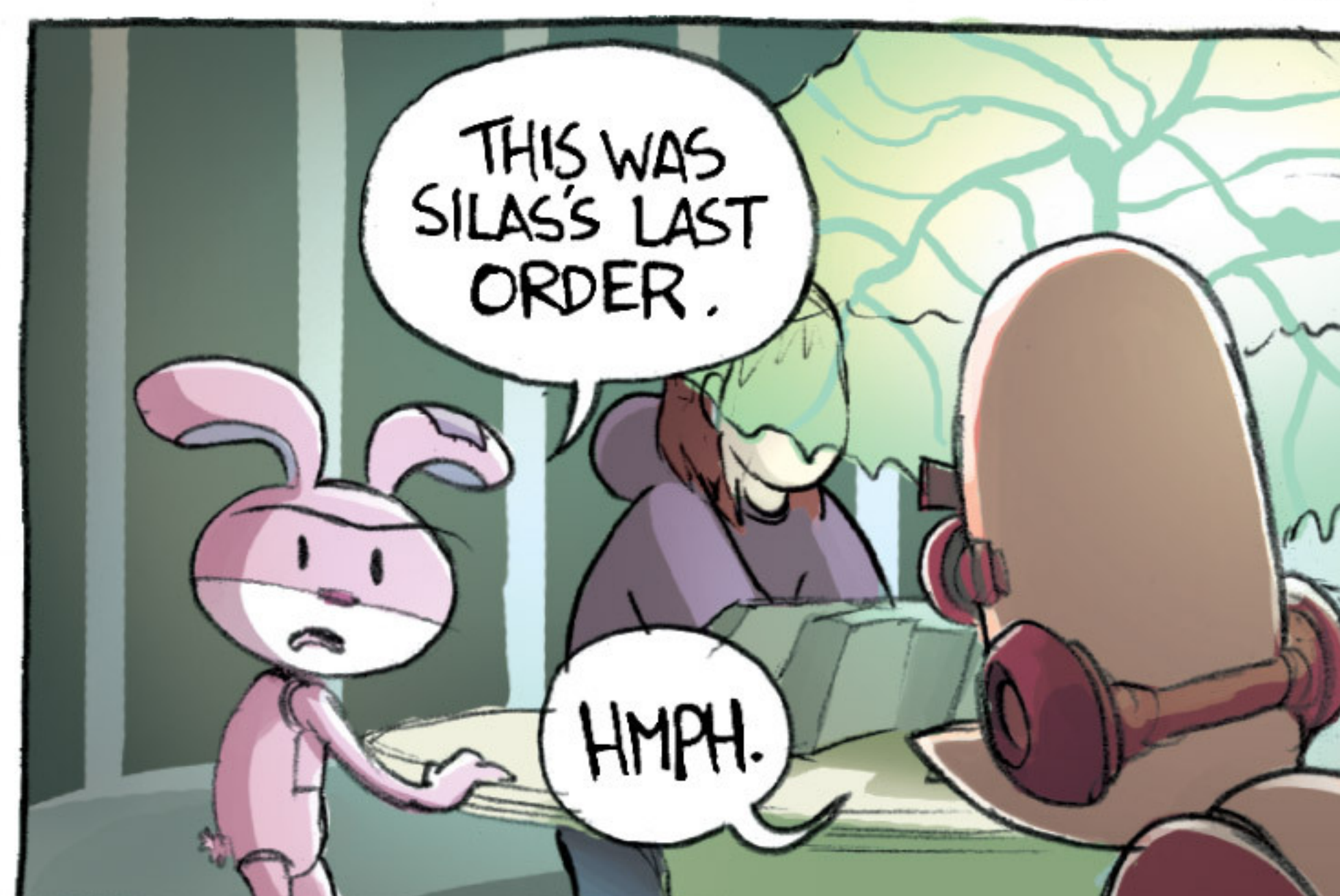
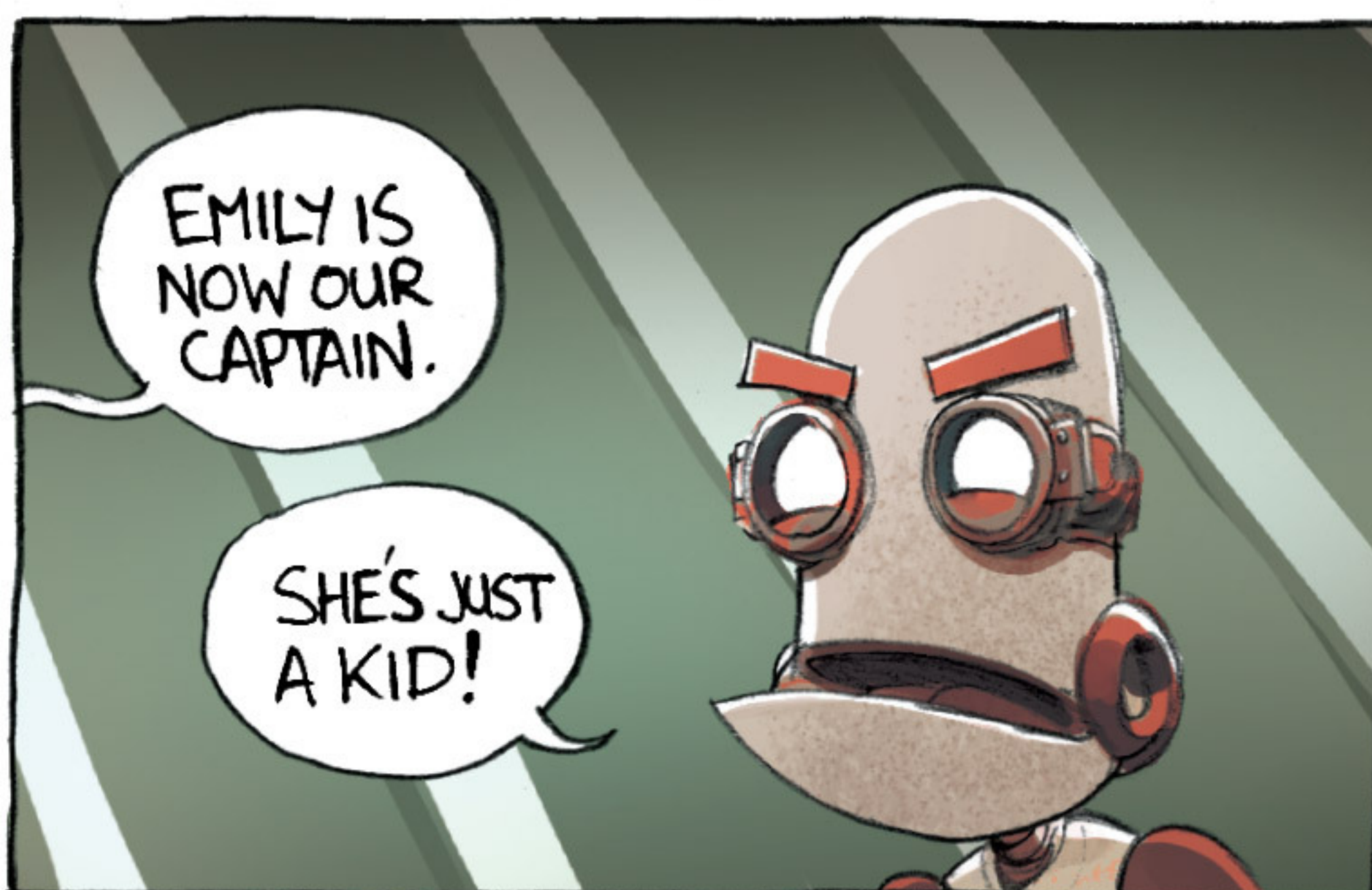


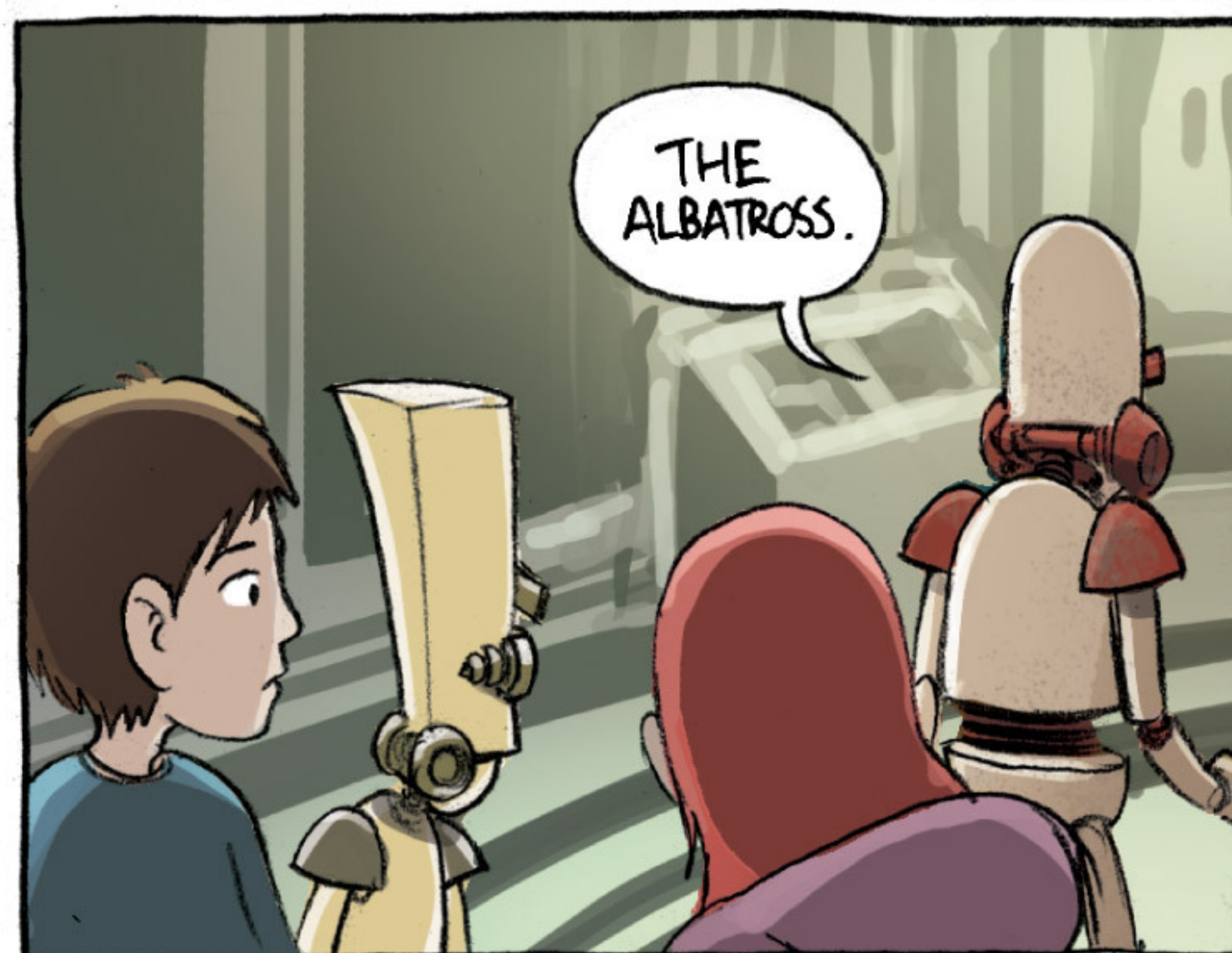
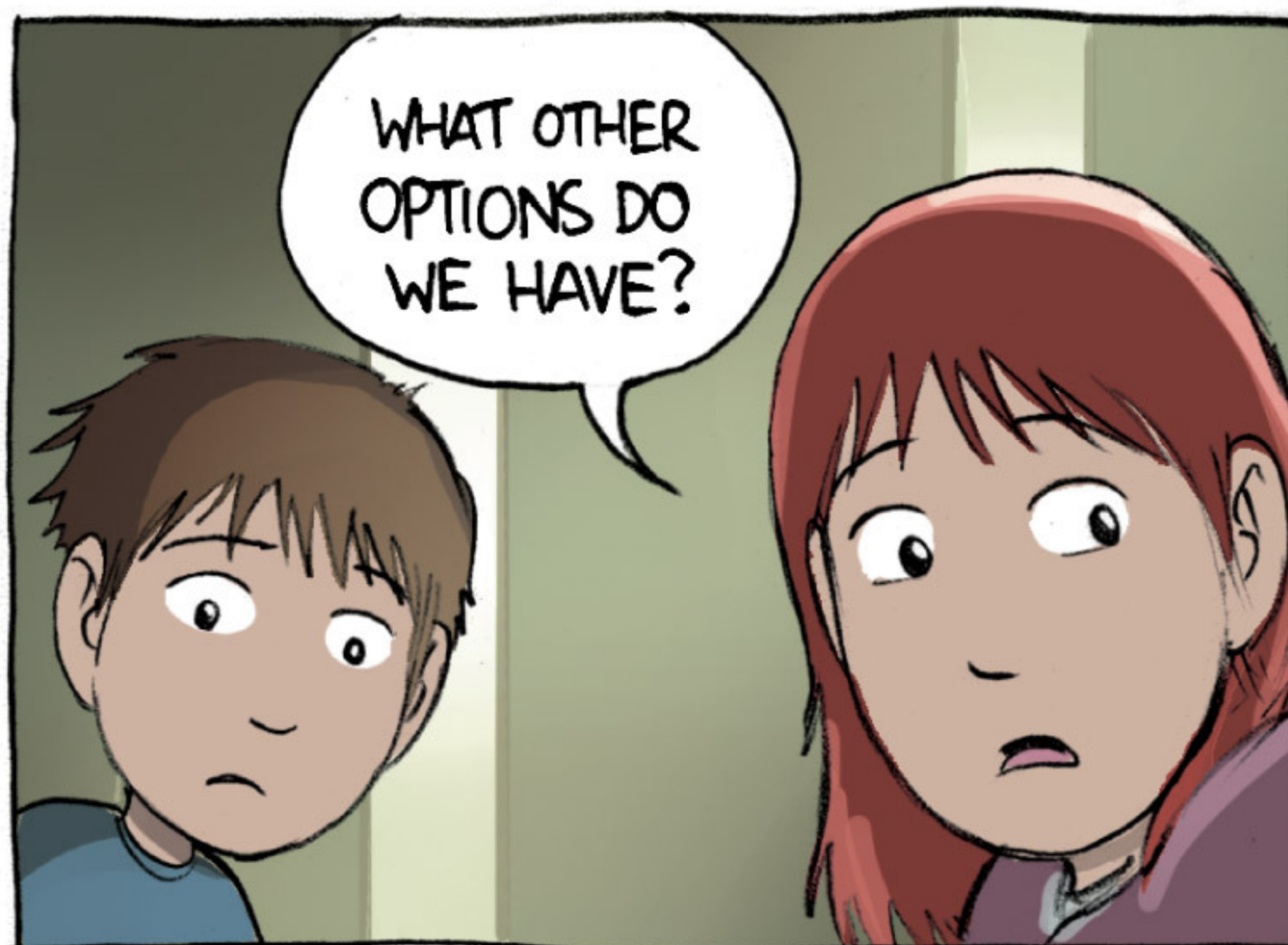
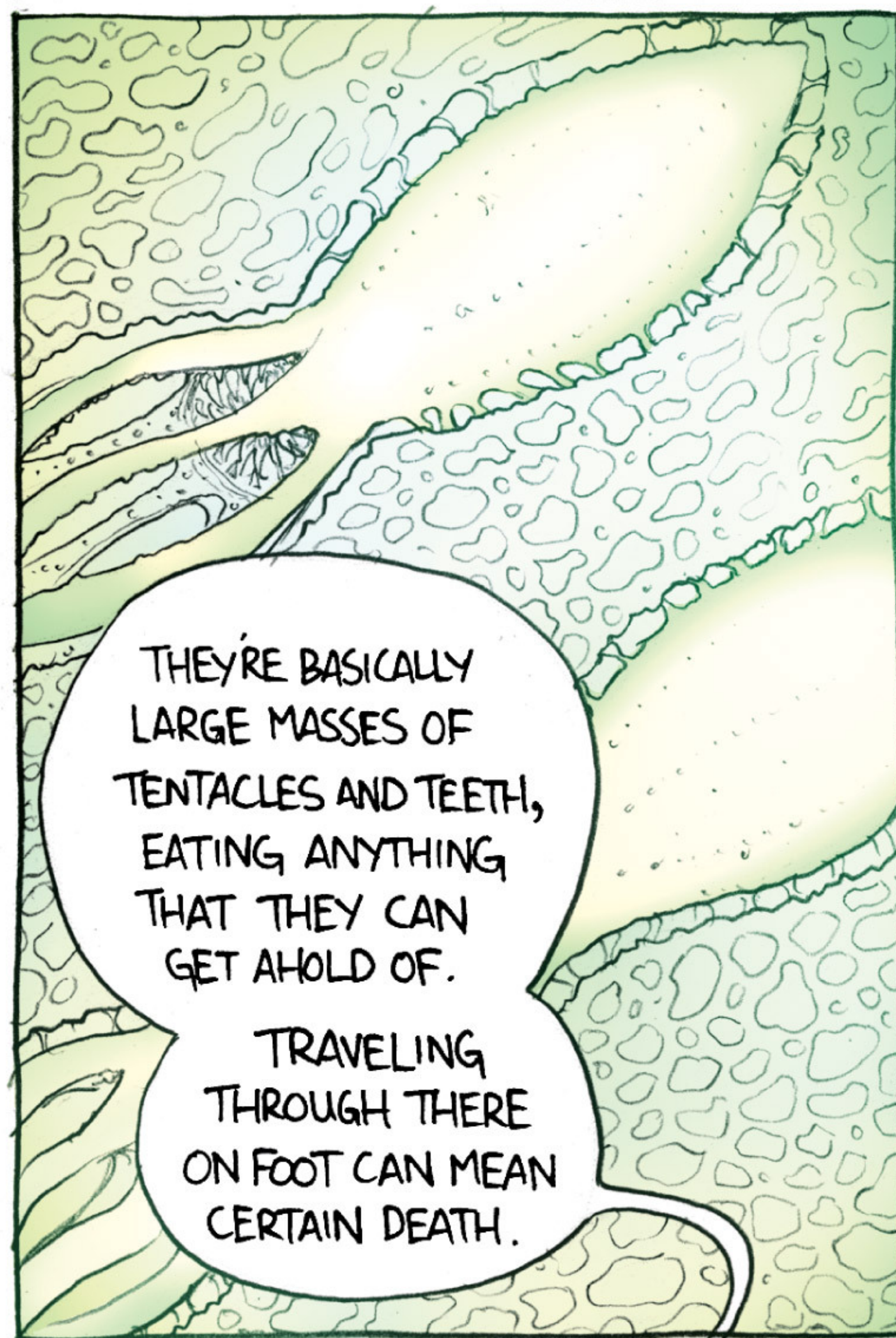
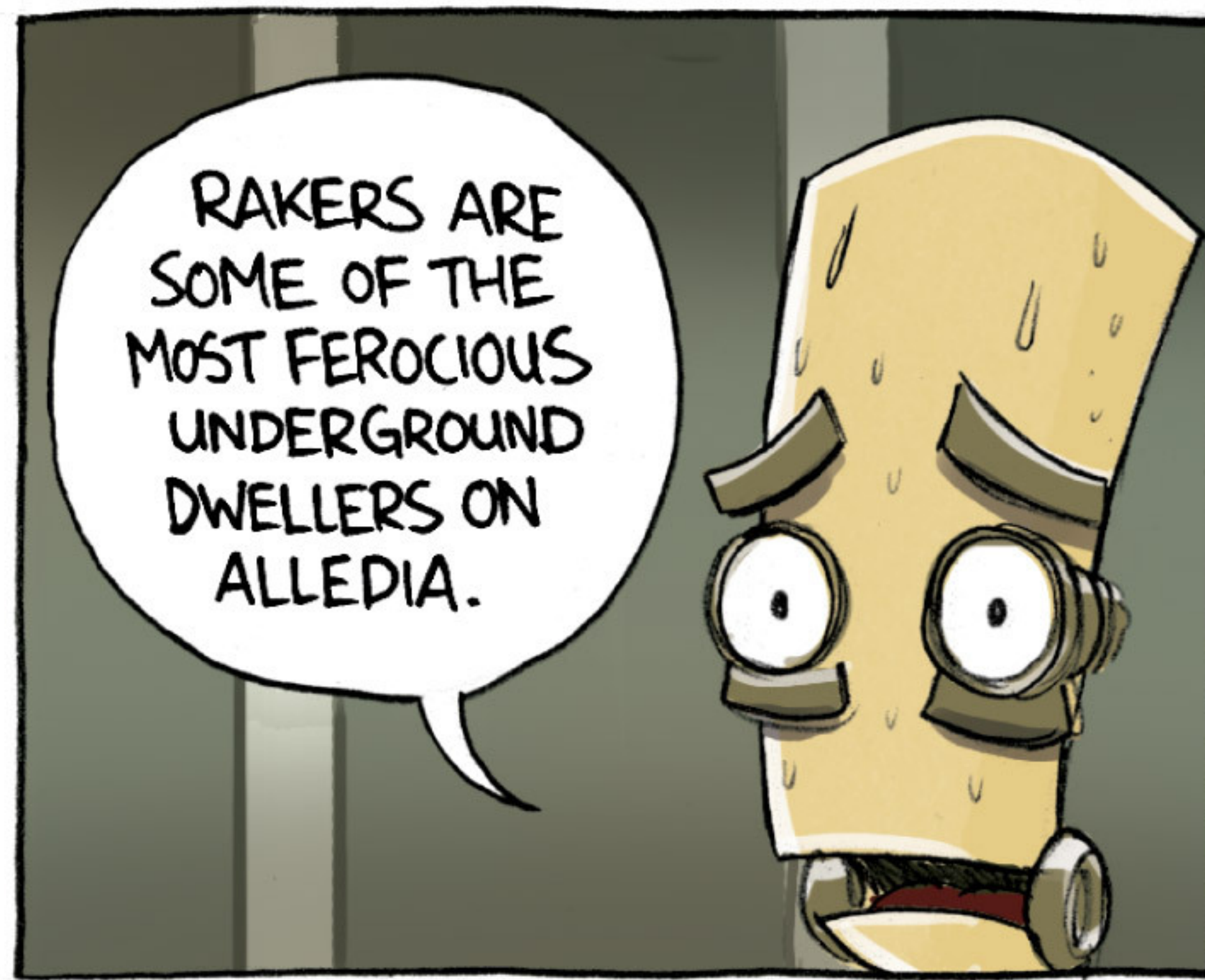
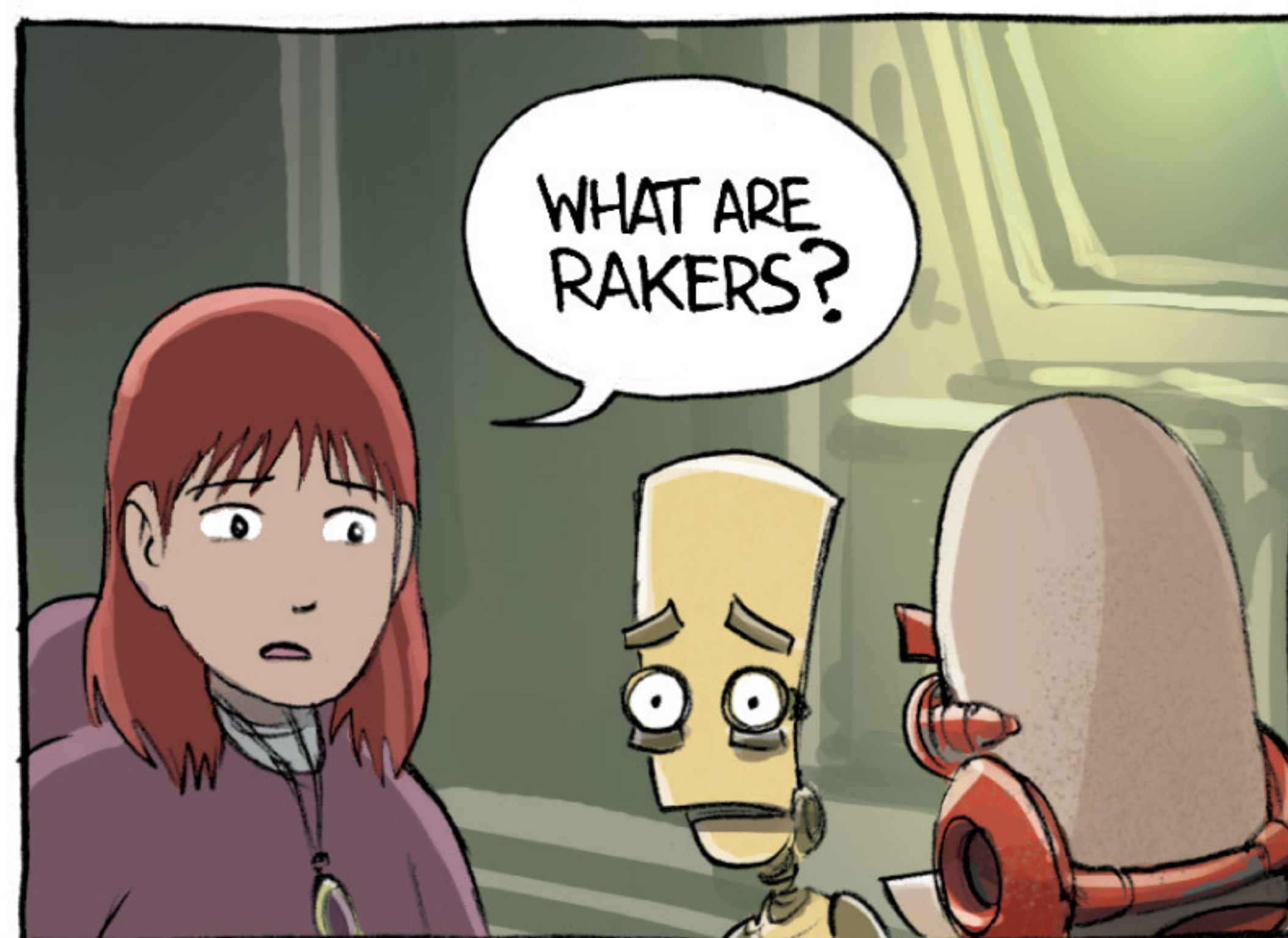
YOU'LL HAVE
ACCESS TO OUR
EXTENSIVE CATALOG
OF MAPS AND CHARTS
AT THE TOUCH OF
A BUTTON.

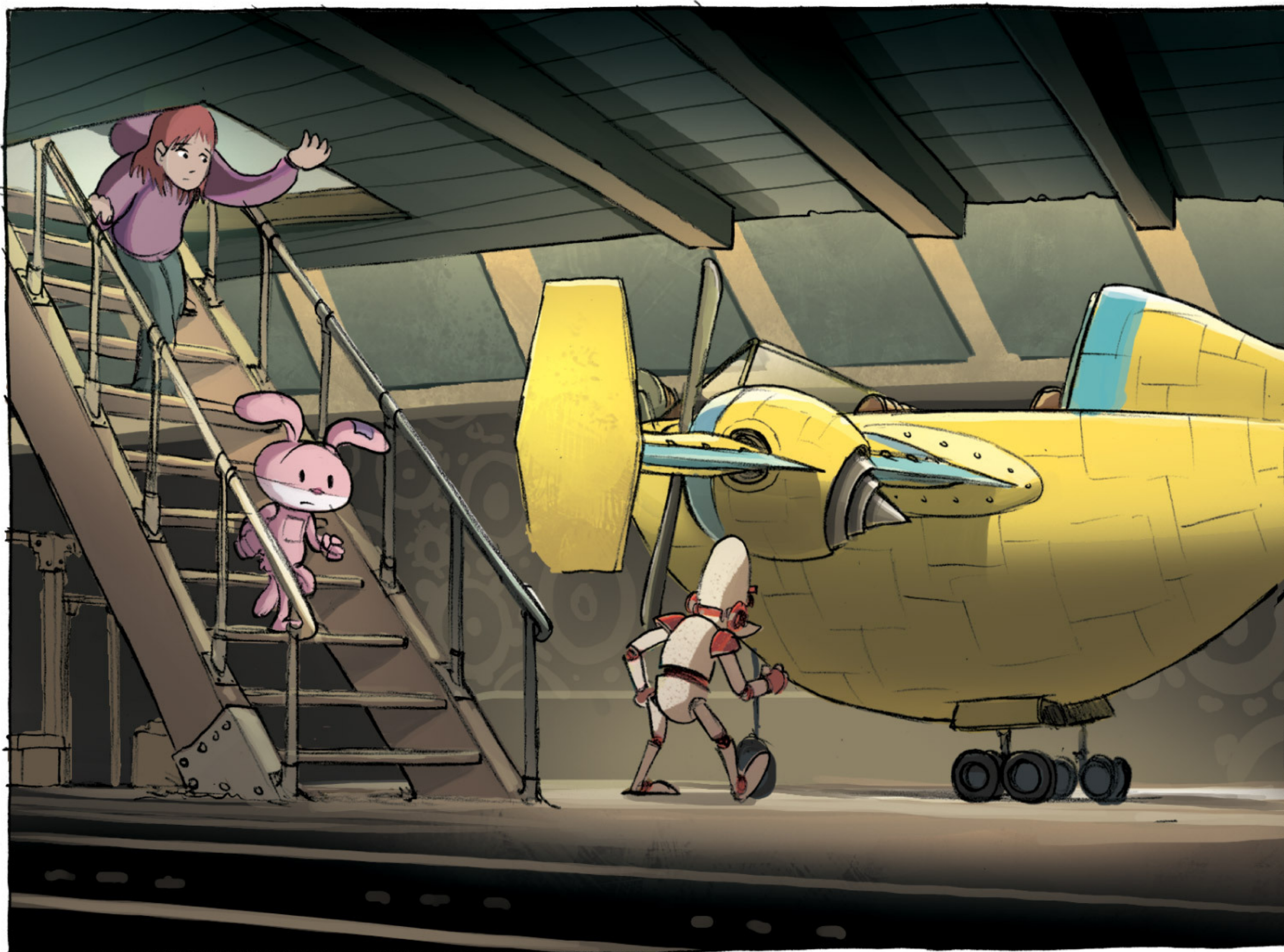
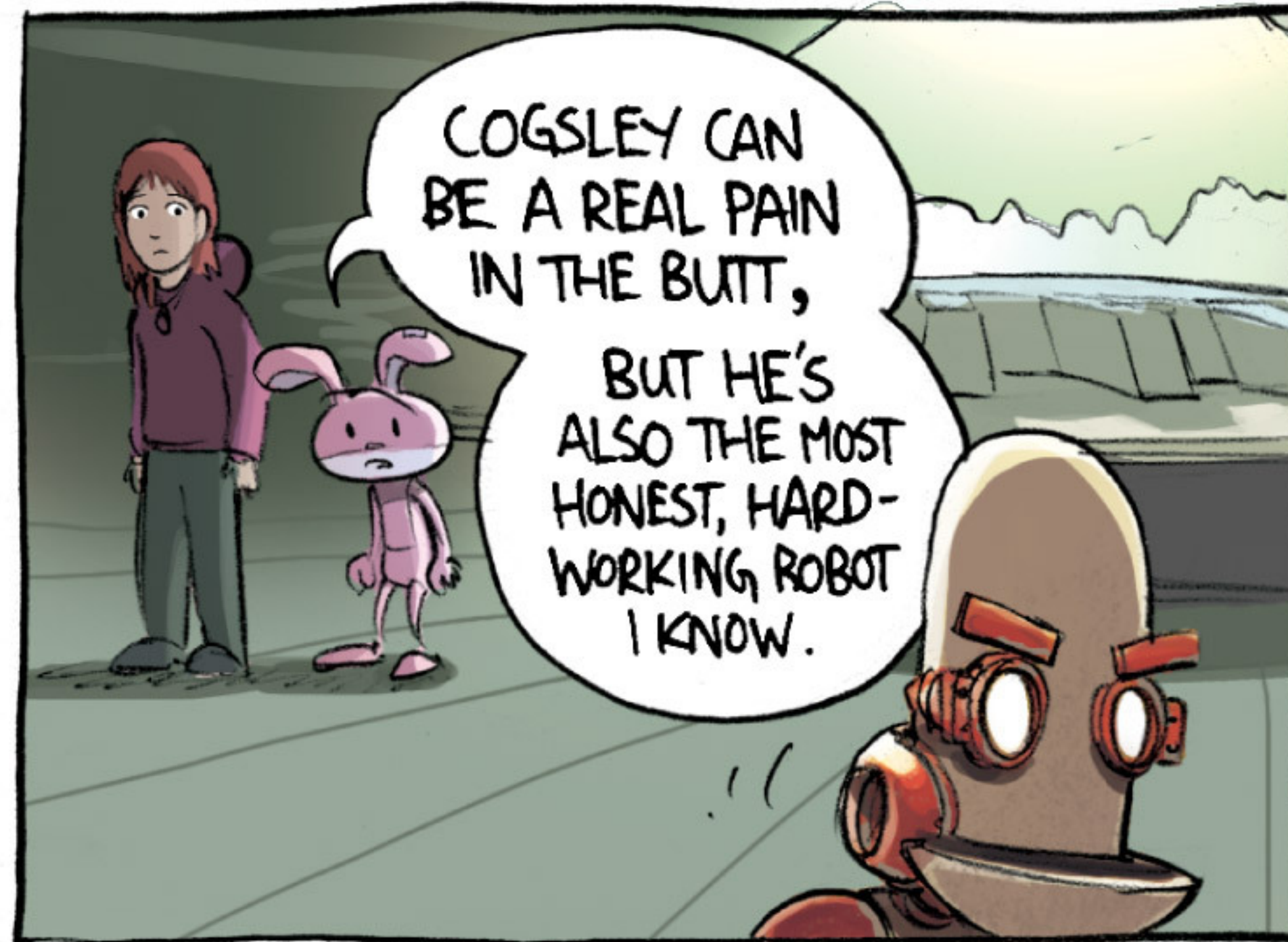
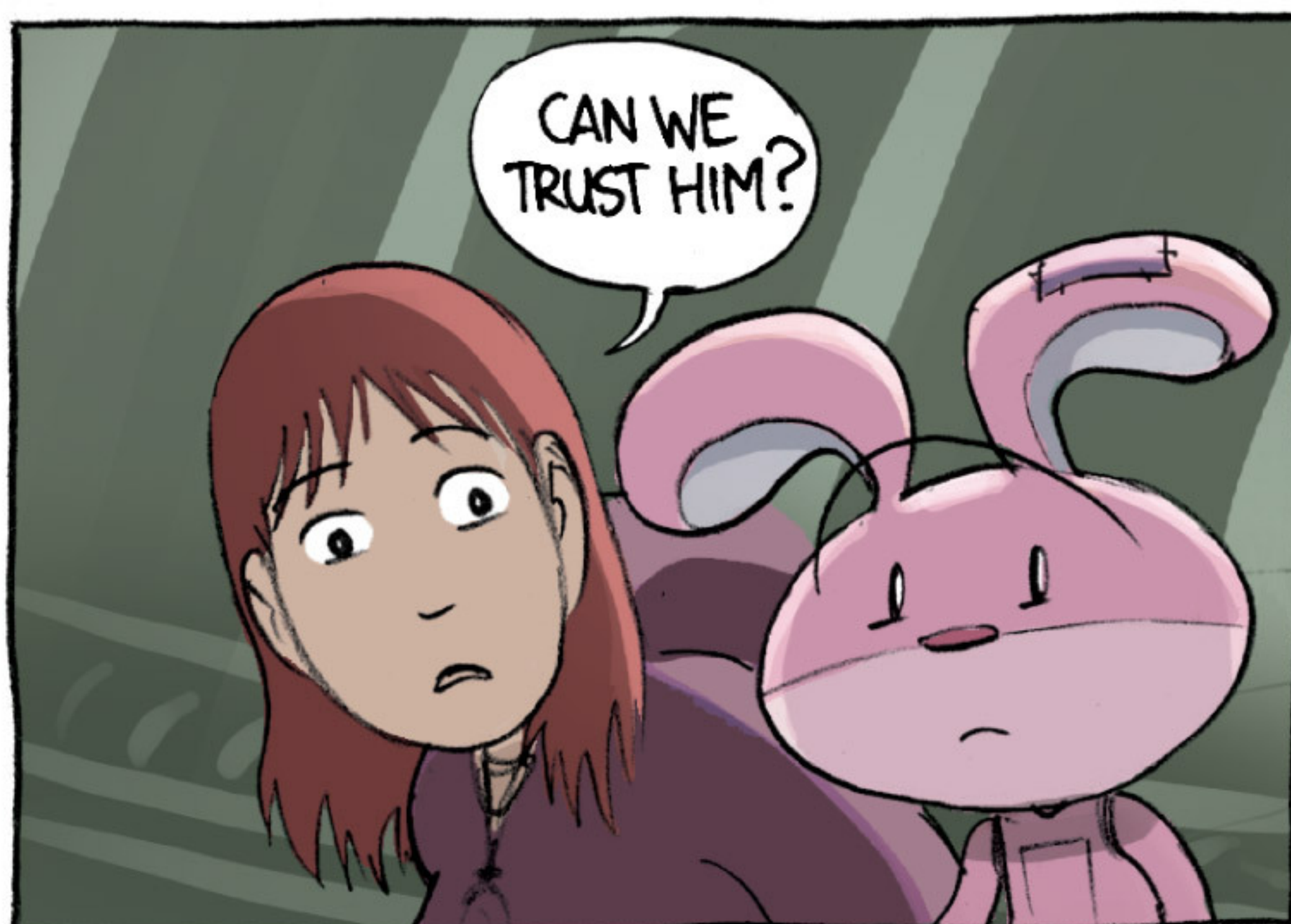
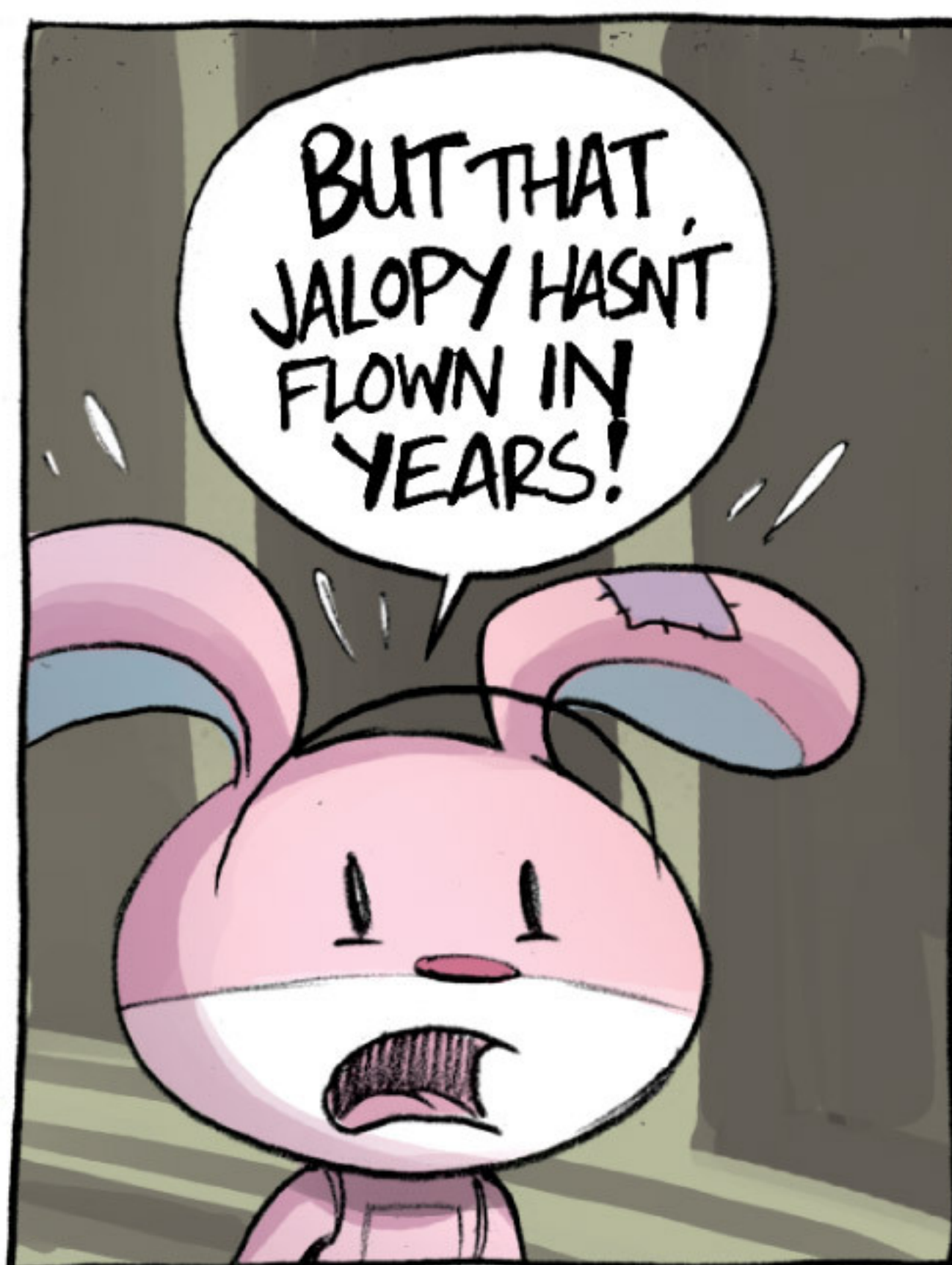
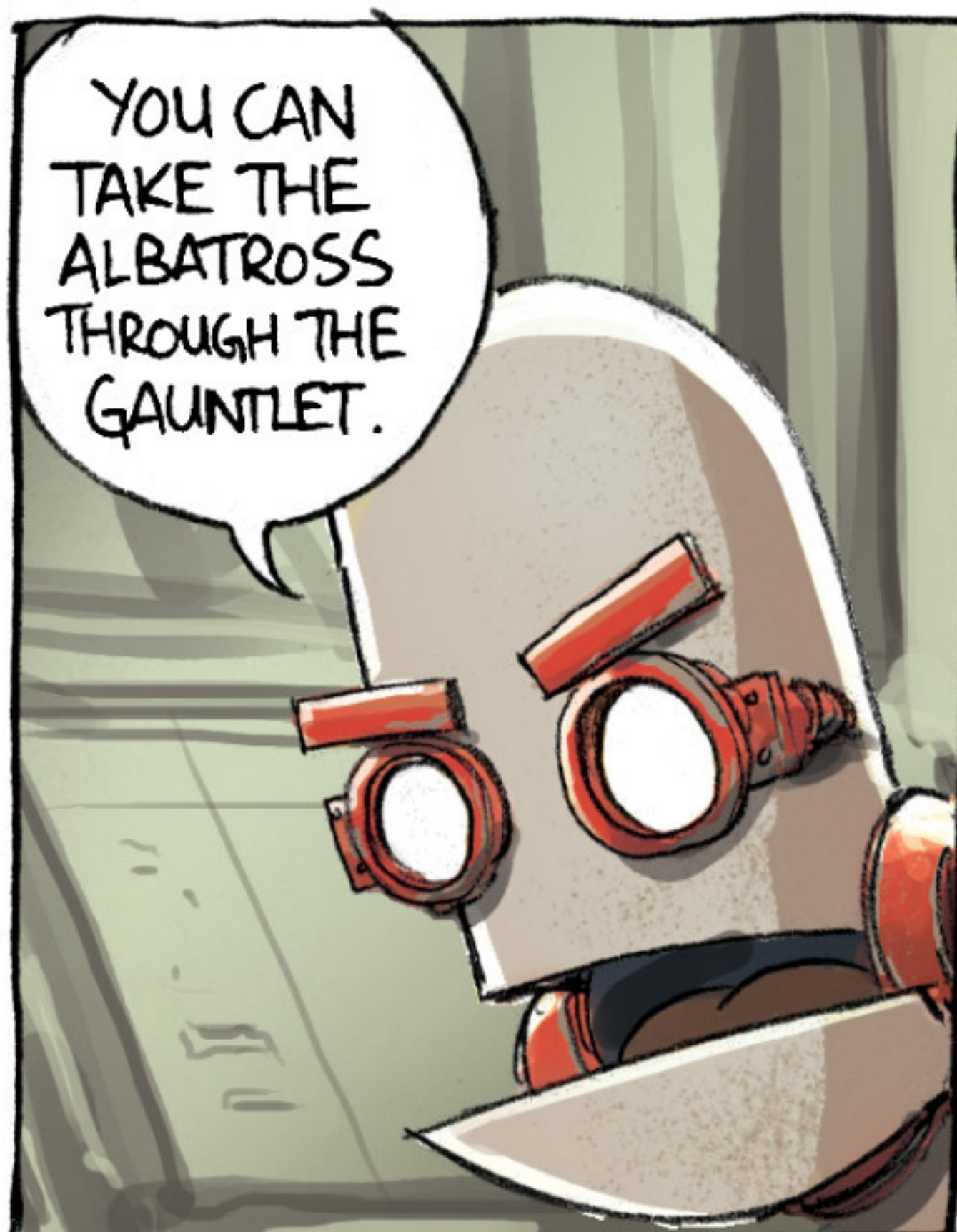
CLICK!

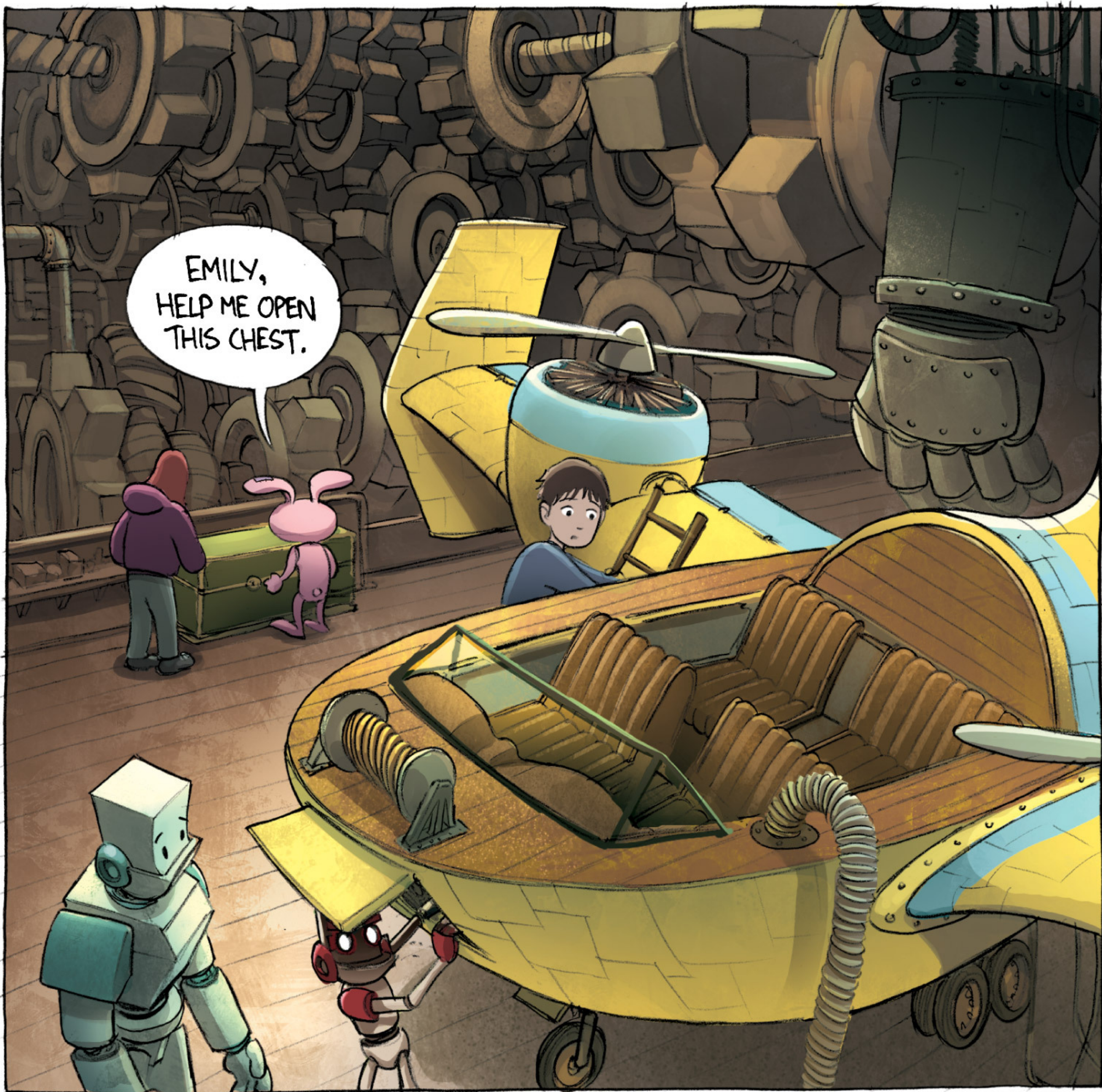


VZZIT!









EMILY,
HELP ME OPEN
THIS CHEST.



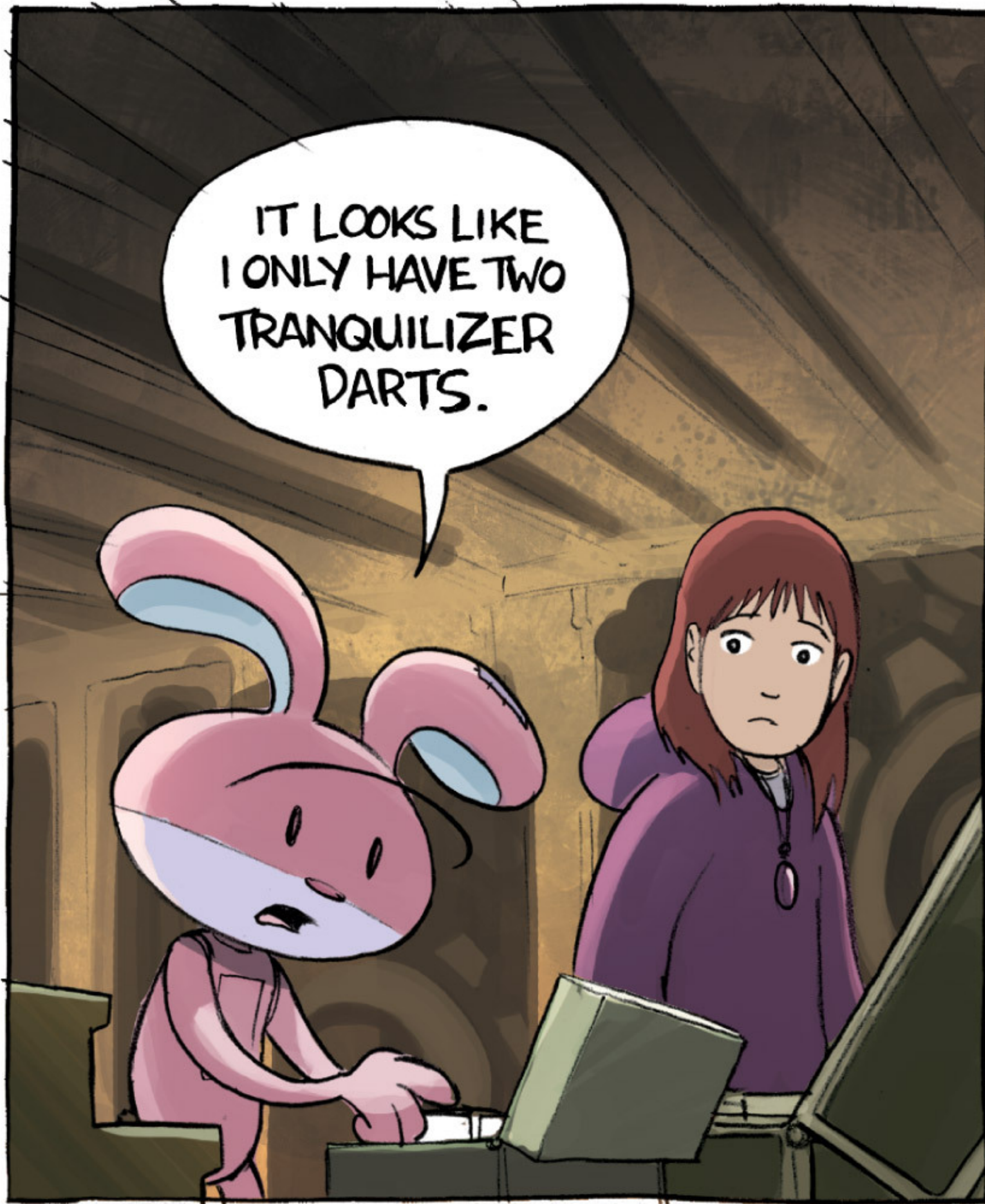
READY...
1...
2...



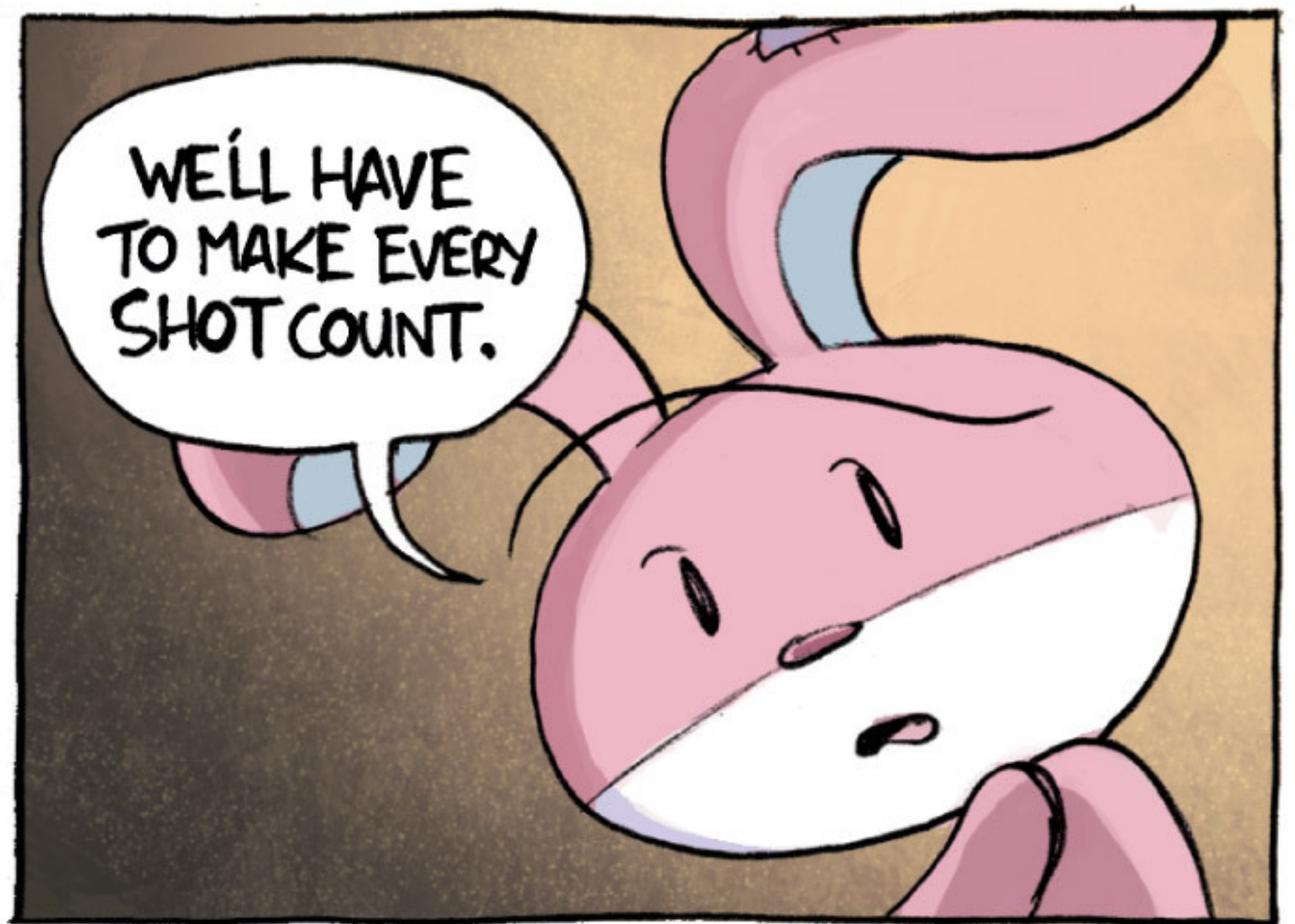
COUGH!
COUGH!



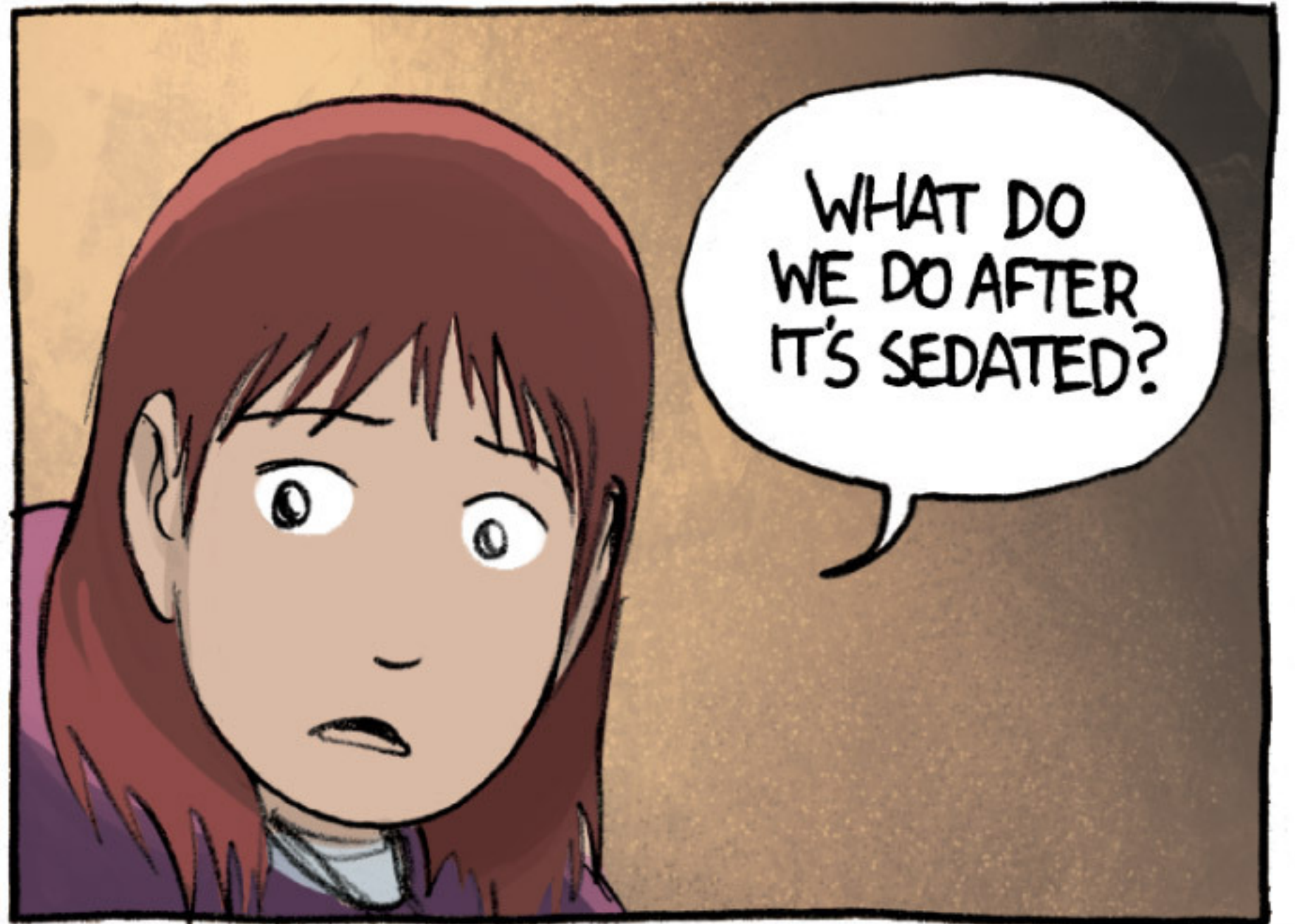
I HOPE THESE
STILL WORK.



IT LOOKS LIKE
I ONLY HAVE TWO
TRANQUILIZER
DARTS.



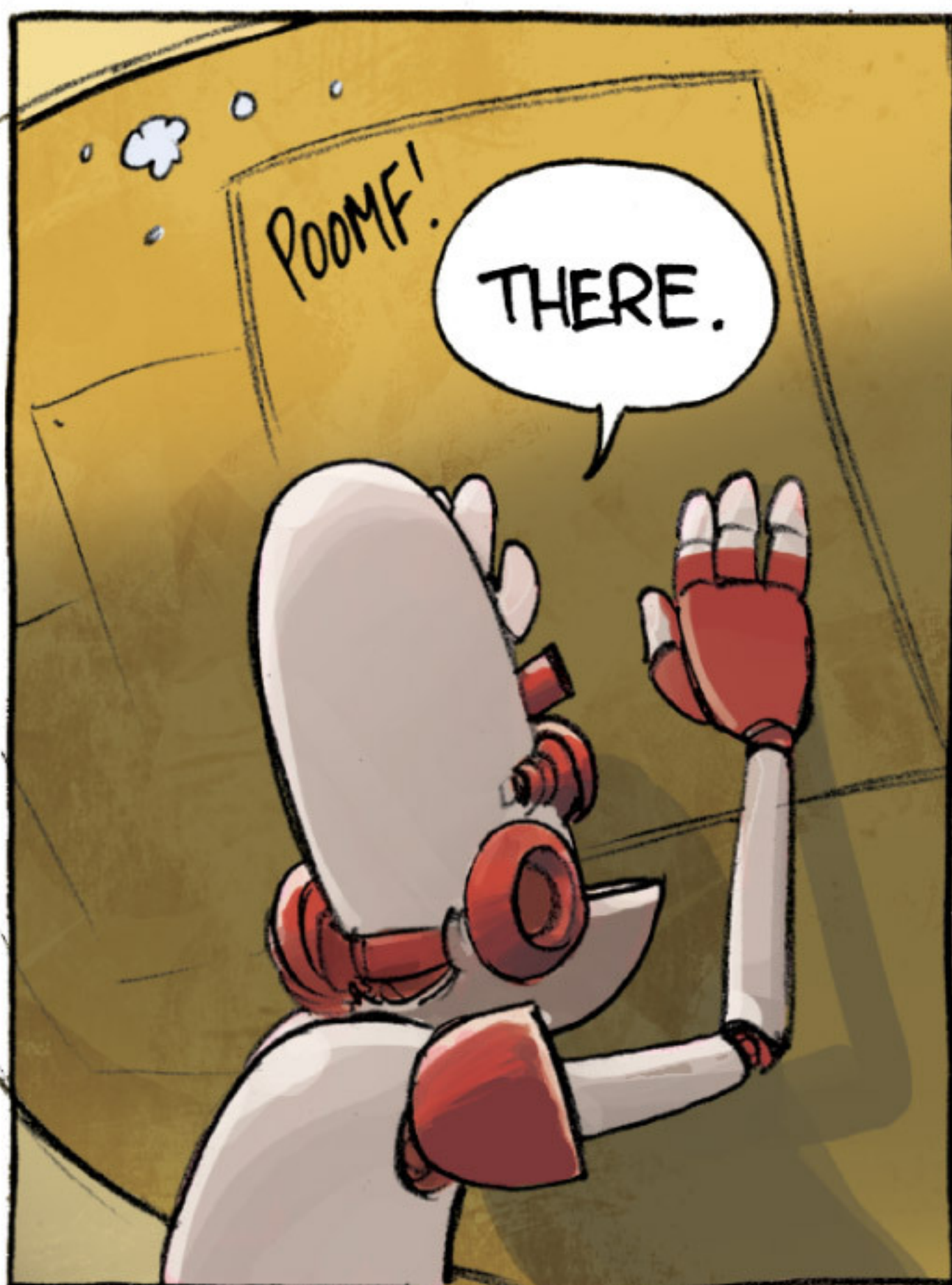
WE'LL HAVE
TO MAKE EVERY
SHOT COUNT.



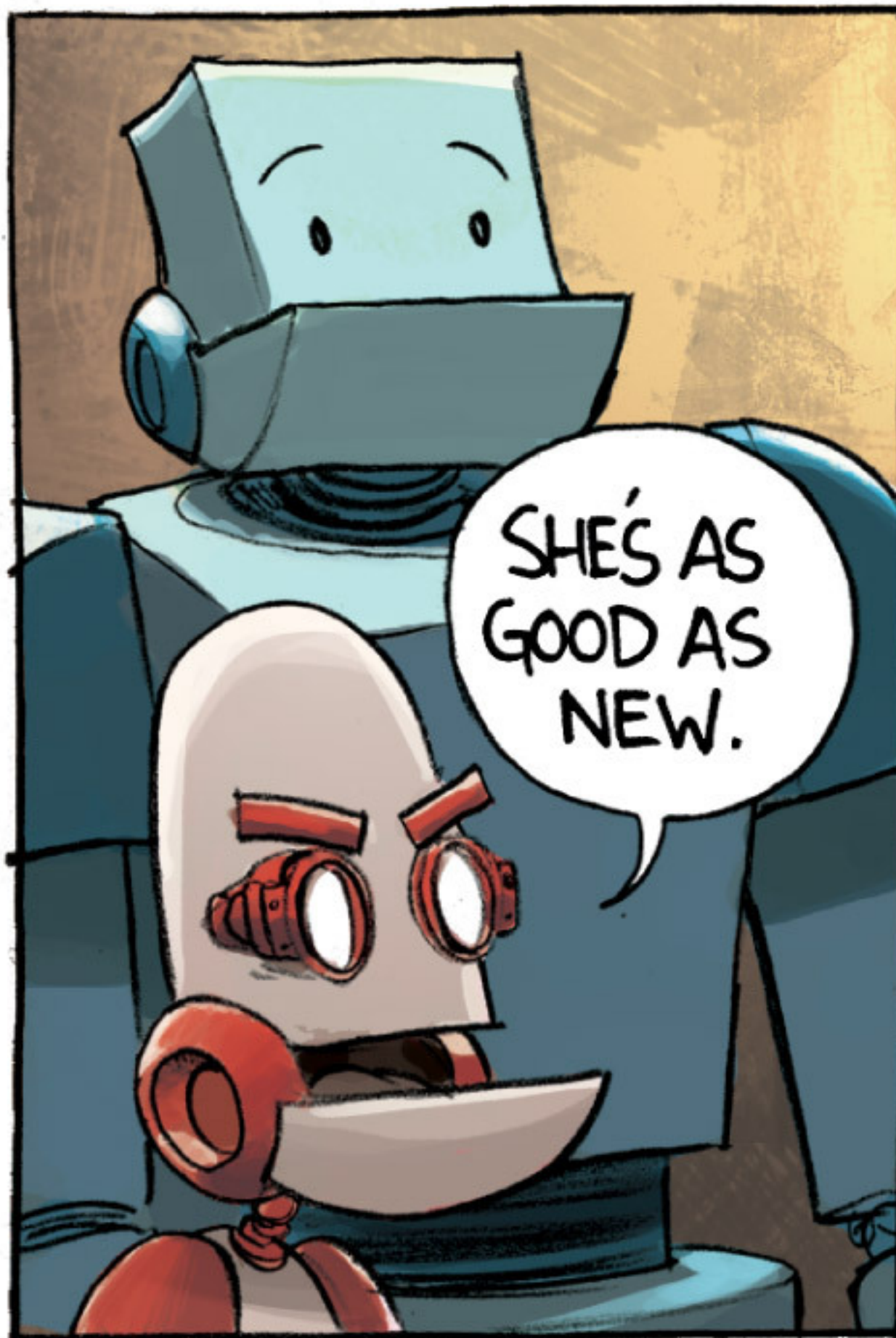
WHAT DO
WE DO AFTER
IT'S SEDATED?



WE HARPOON
IT AND THEN WE
DRAG IT TO A
STOP.



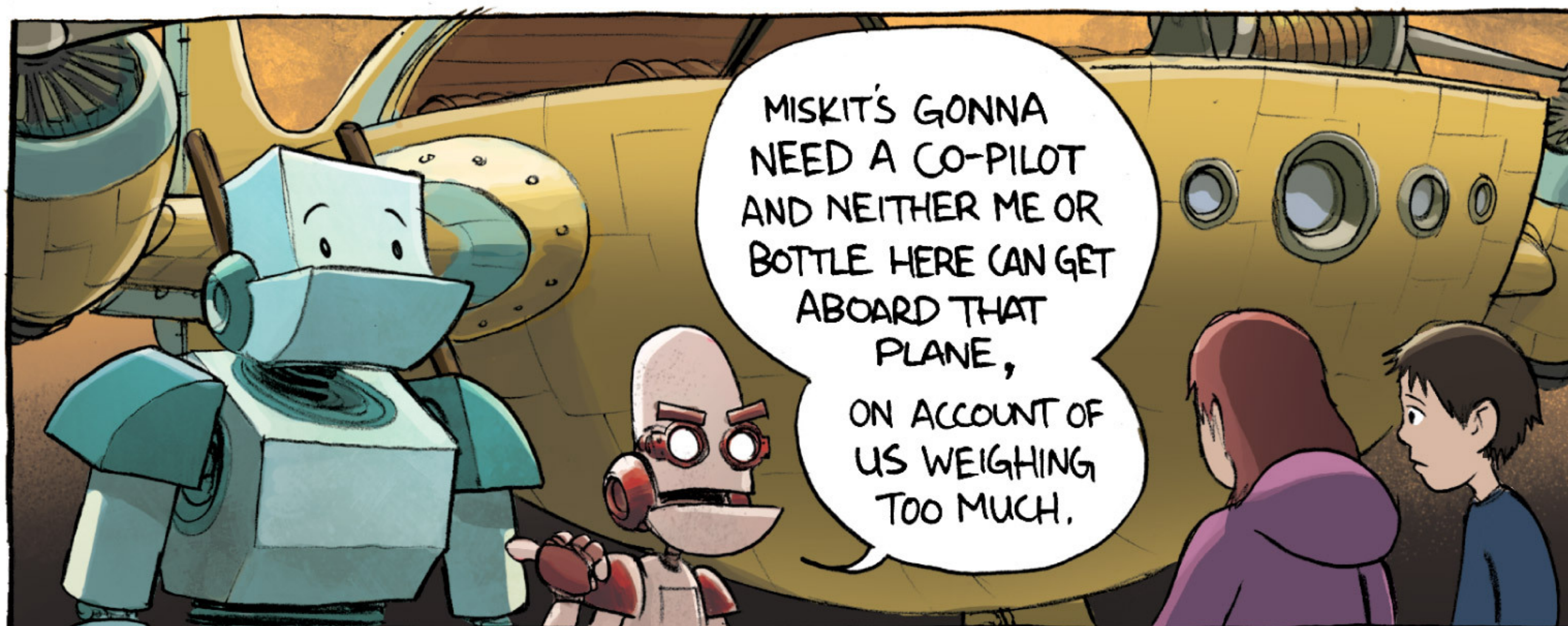
POOMF!
THERE.



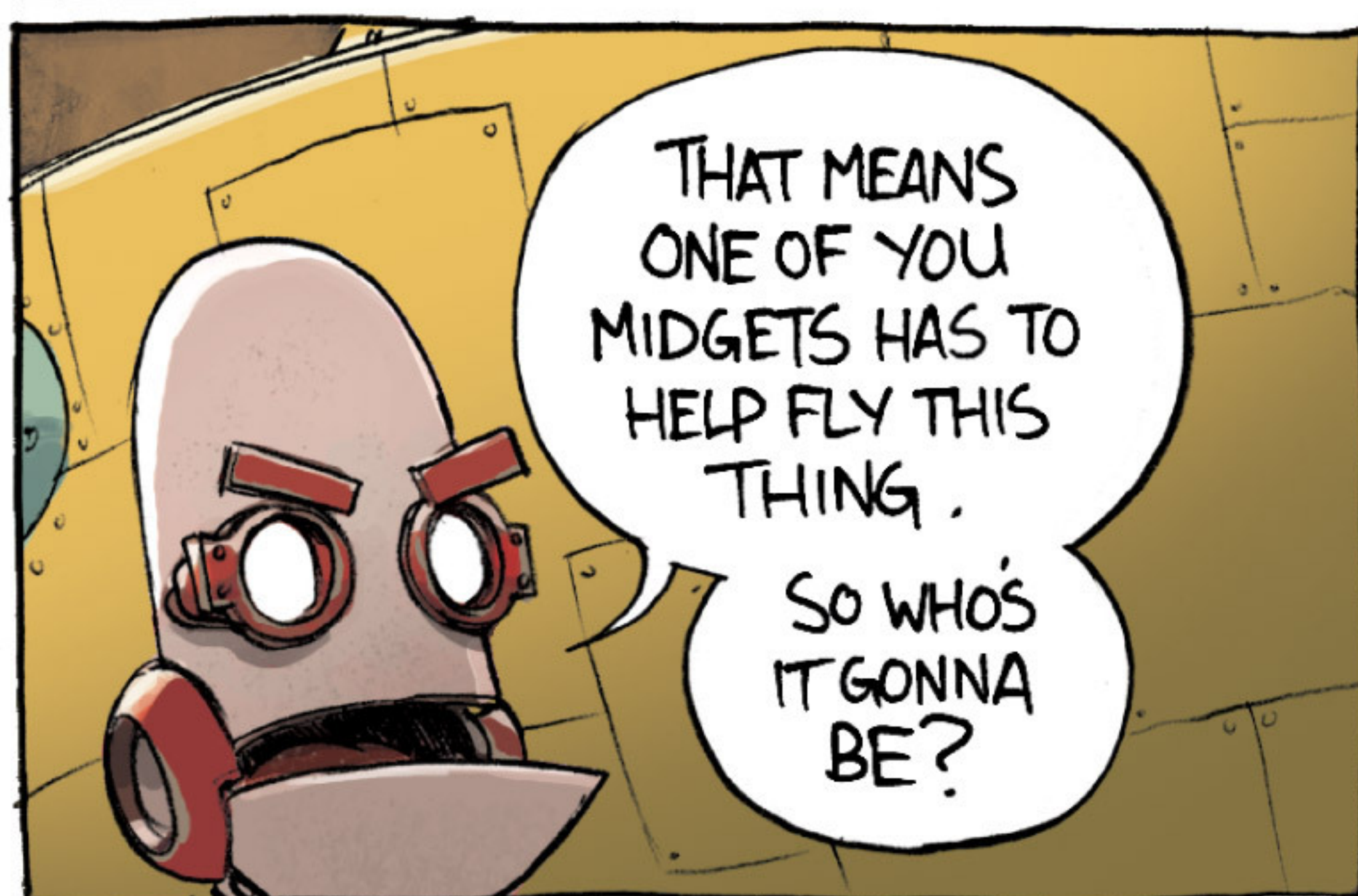
SHE'S AS
GOOD AS
NEW.



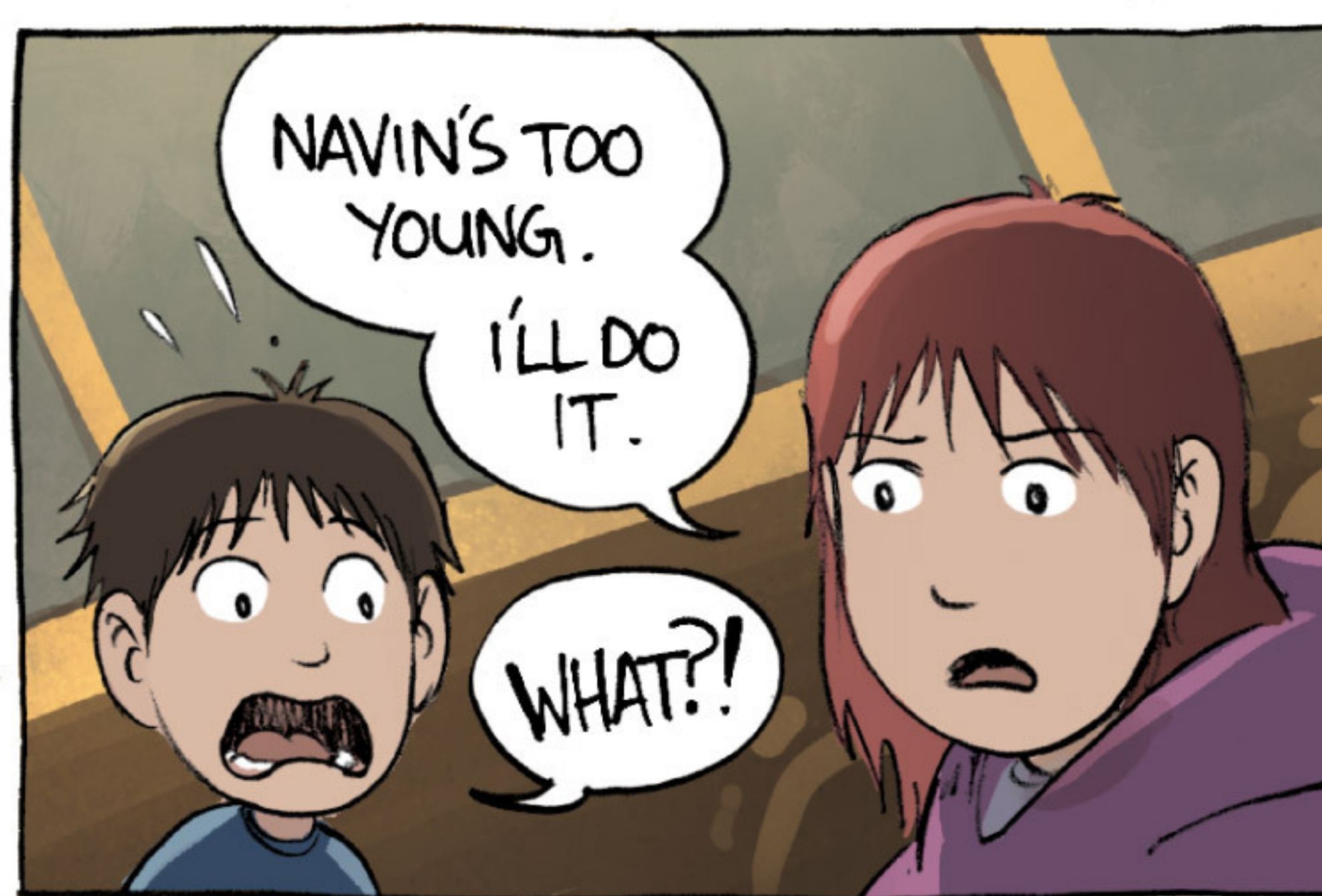
LISTEN
HERE,
RUNTS!



MISKIT'S GONNA
NEED A CO-PILOT
AND NEITHER ME OR
BOTTLE HERE CAN GET
ABOARD THAT
PLANE,
ON ACCOUNT OF
US WEIGHING
TOO MUCH.



THAT MEANS
ONE OF YOU
MIDGETS HAS TO
HELP FLY THIS
THING.
SO WHO'S
IT GONNA
BE?



NAVIN'S TOO
YOUNG.

I'LL DO
IT.

WHAT?!



IF I'M TOO
YOUNG, THEN,
SO ARE YOU!

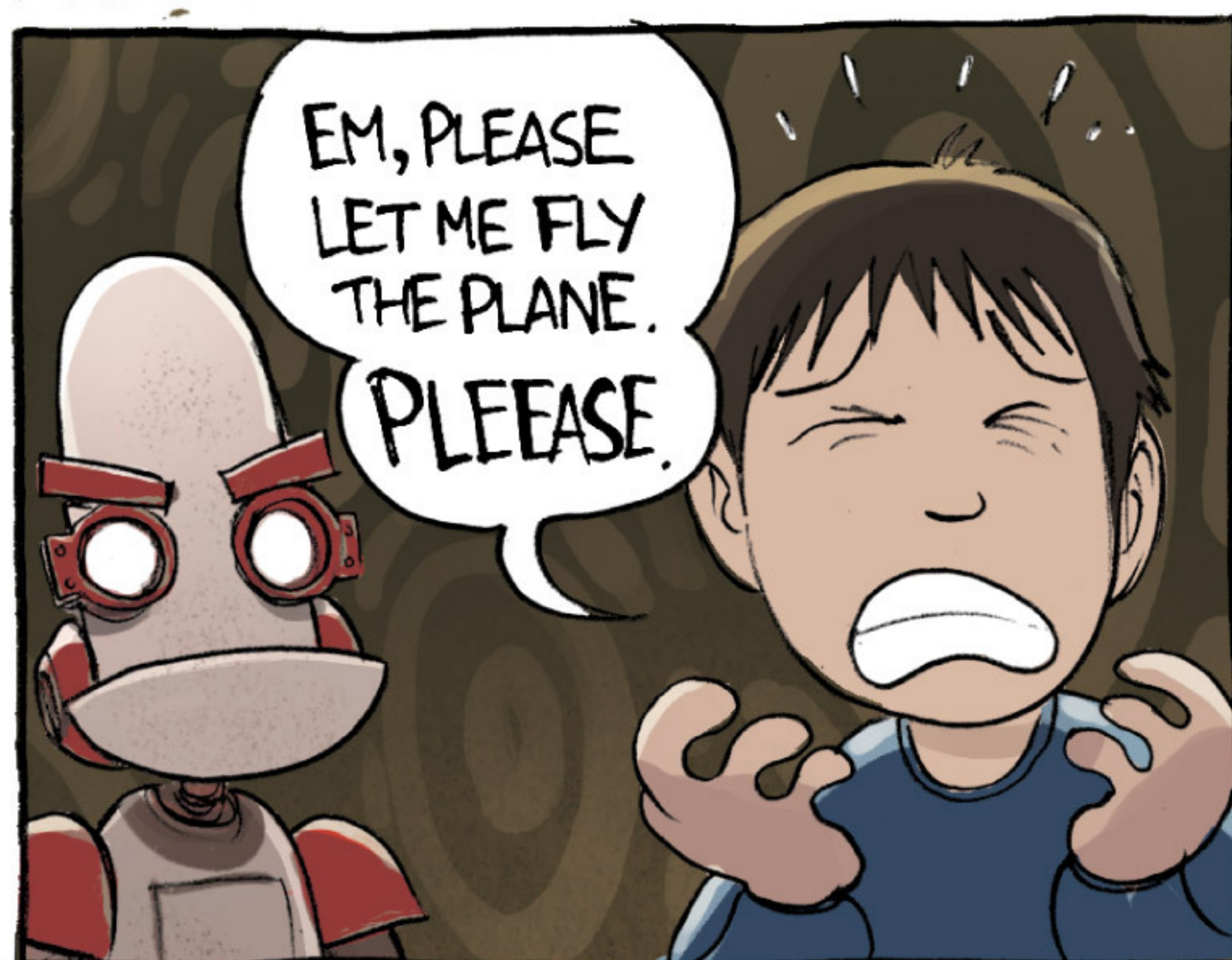


BESIDES, YOU
KNOW I'M BETTER
THAN YOU AT
STUFF LIKE
THIS.

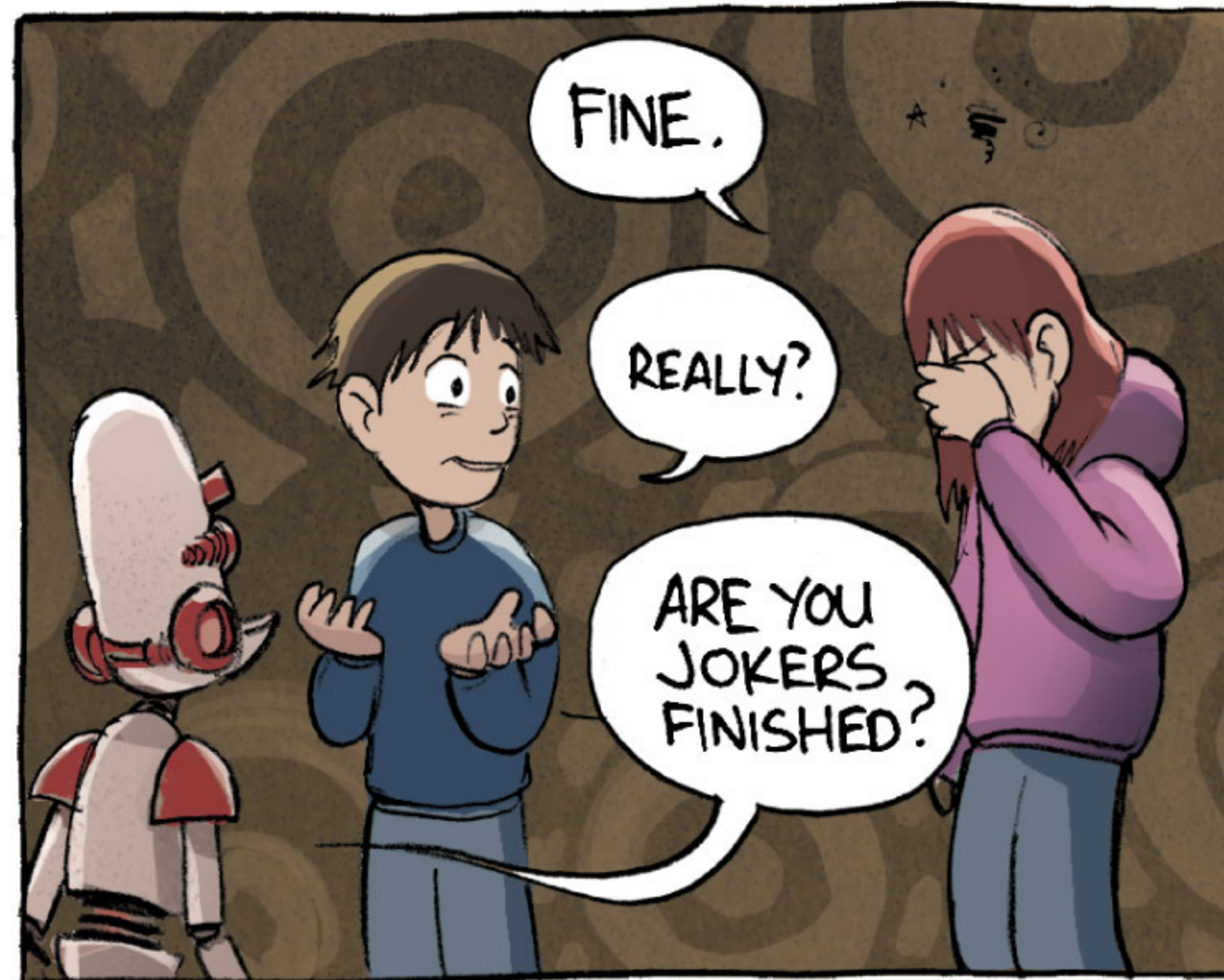


BUT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
VIDEO GAMES.
THIS IS
REAL
LIFE!

SO?!



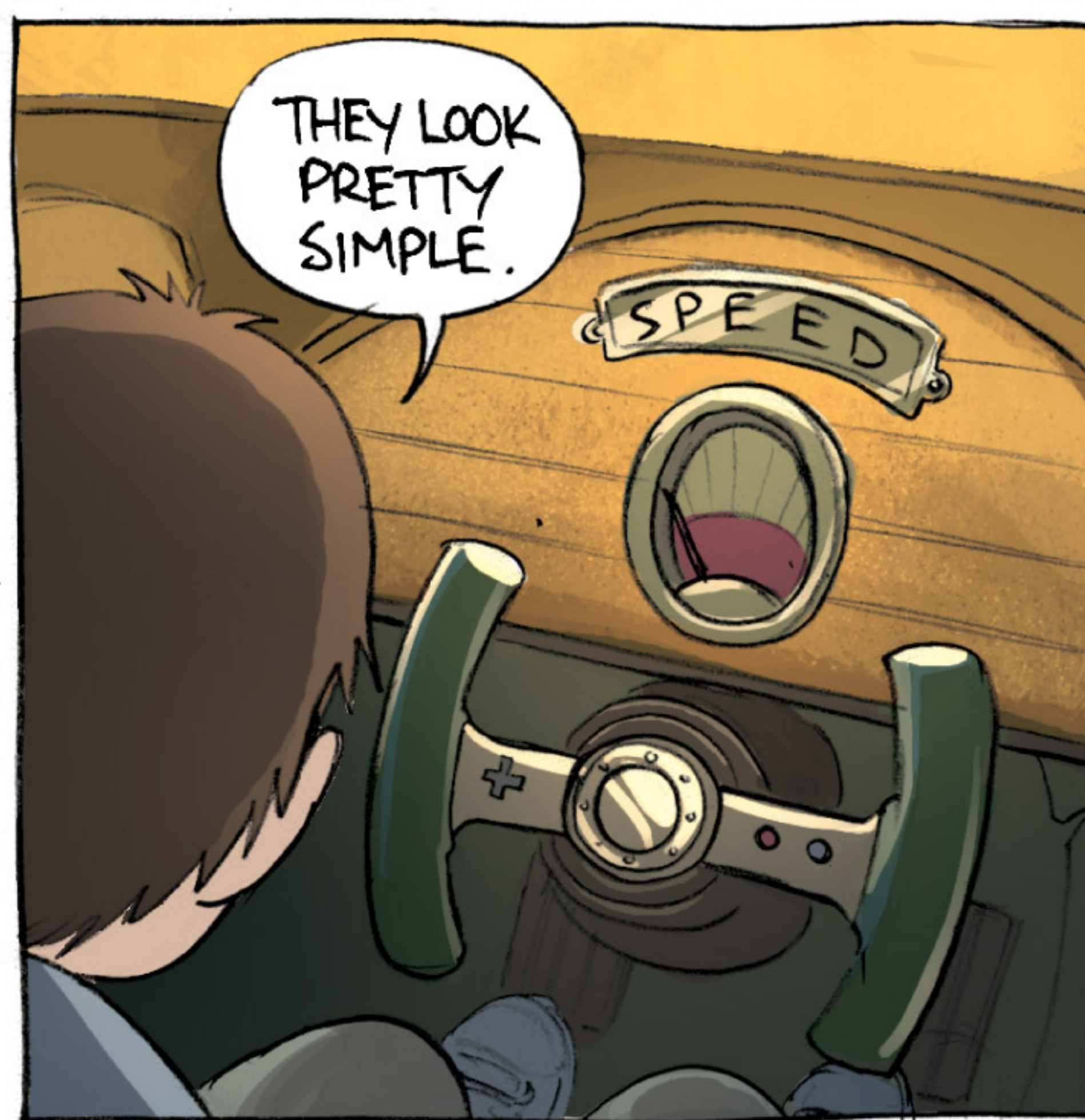
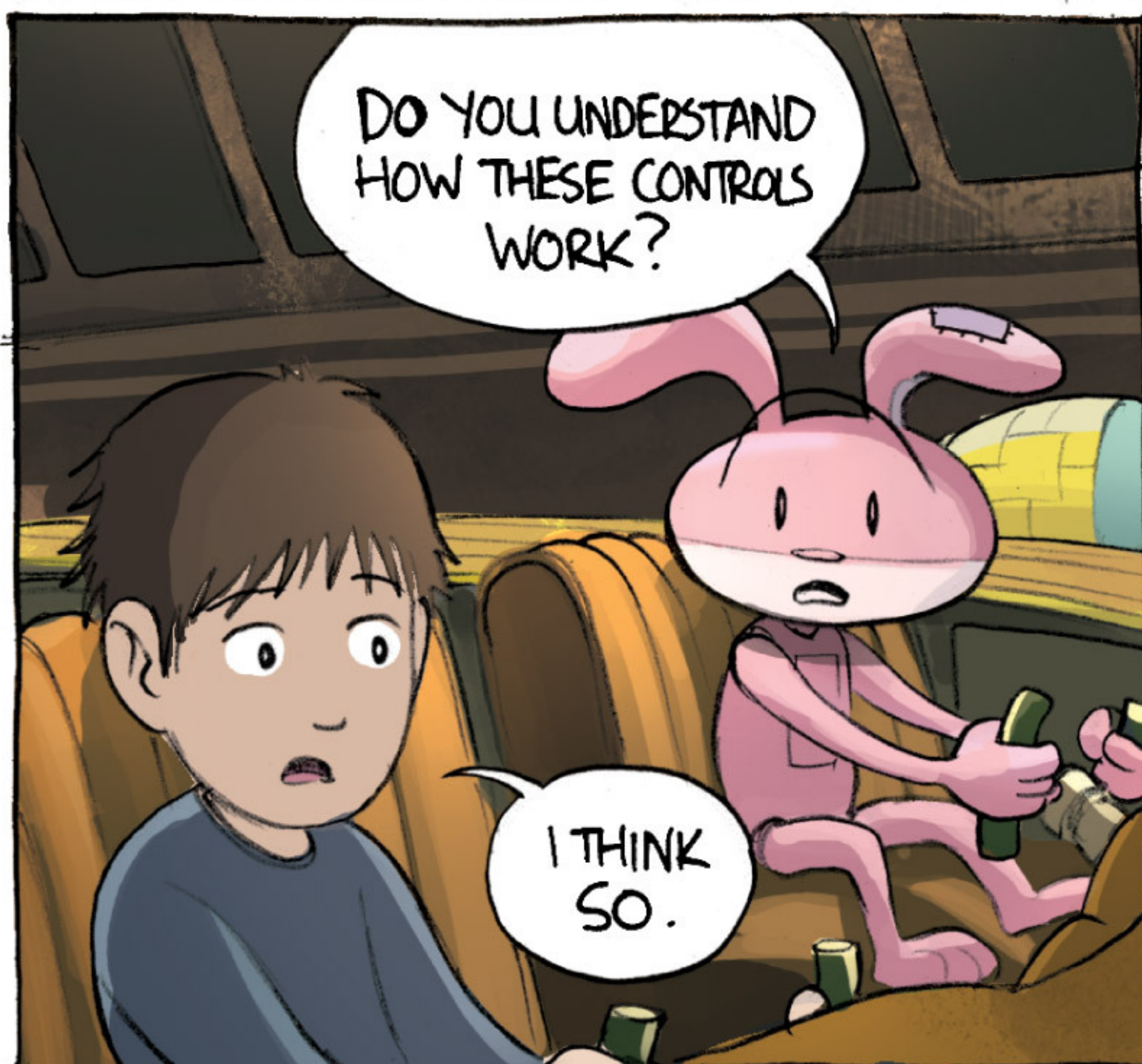
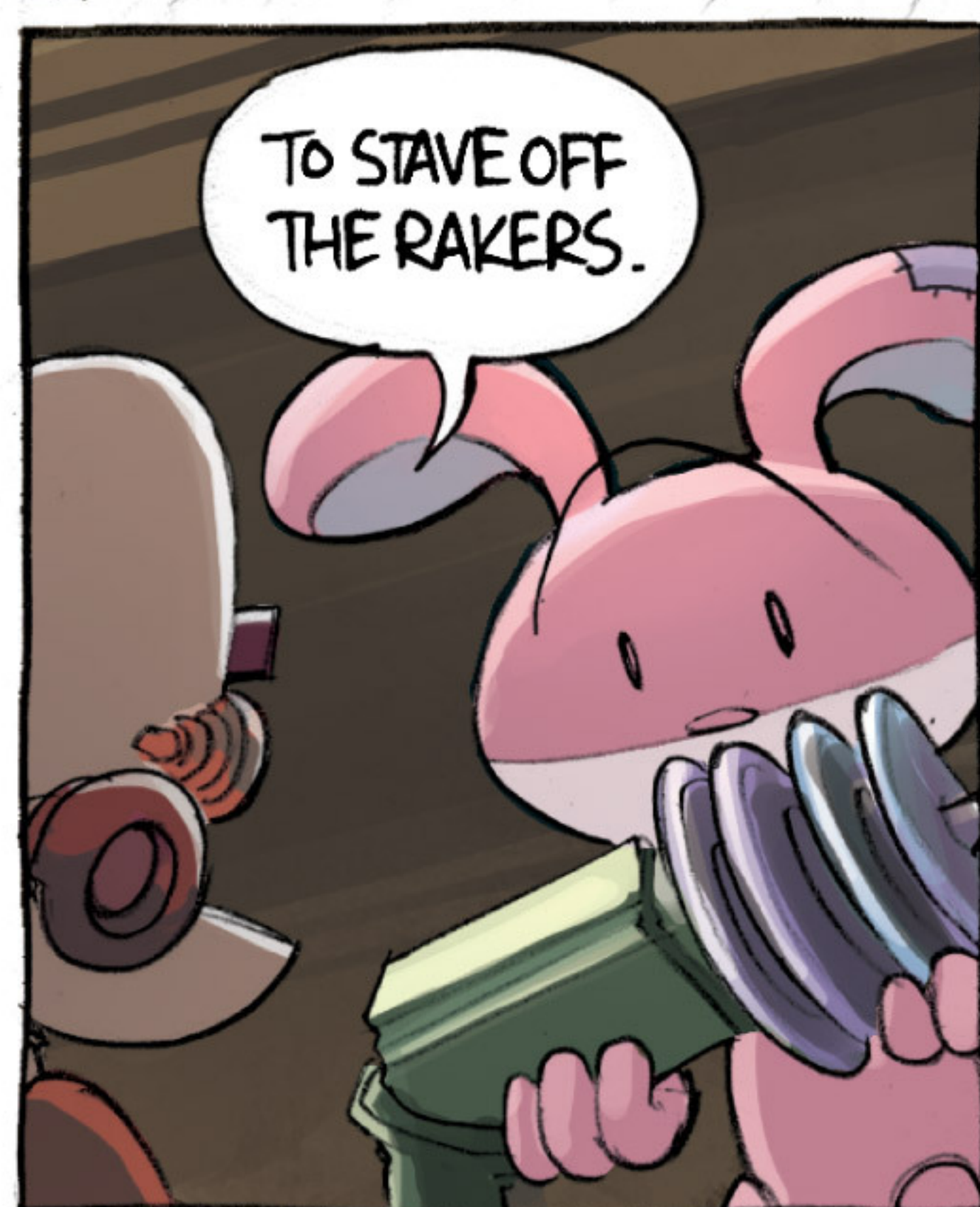
EM, PLEASE
LET ME FLY
THE PLANE.
PLEASE.

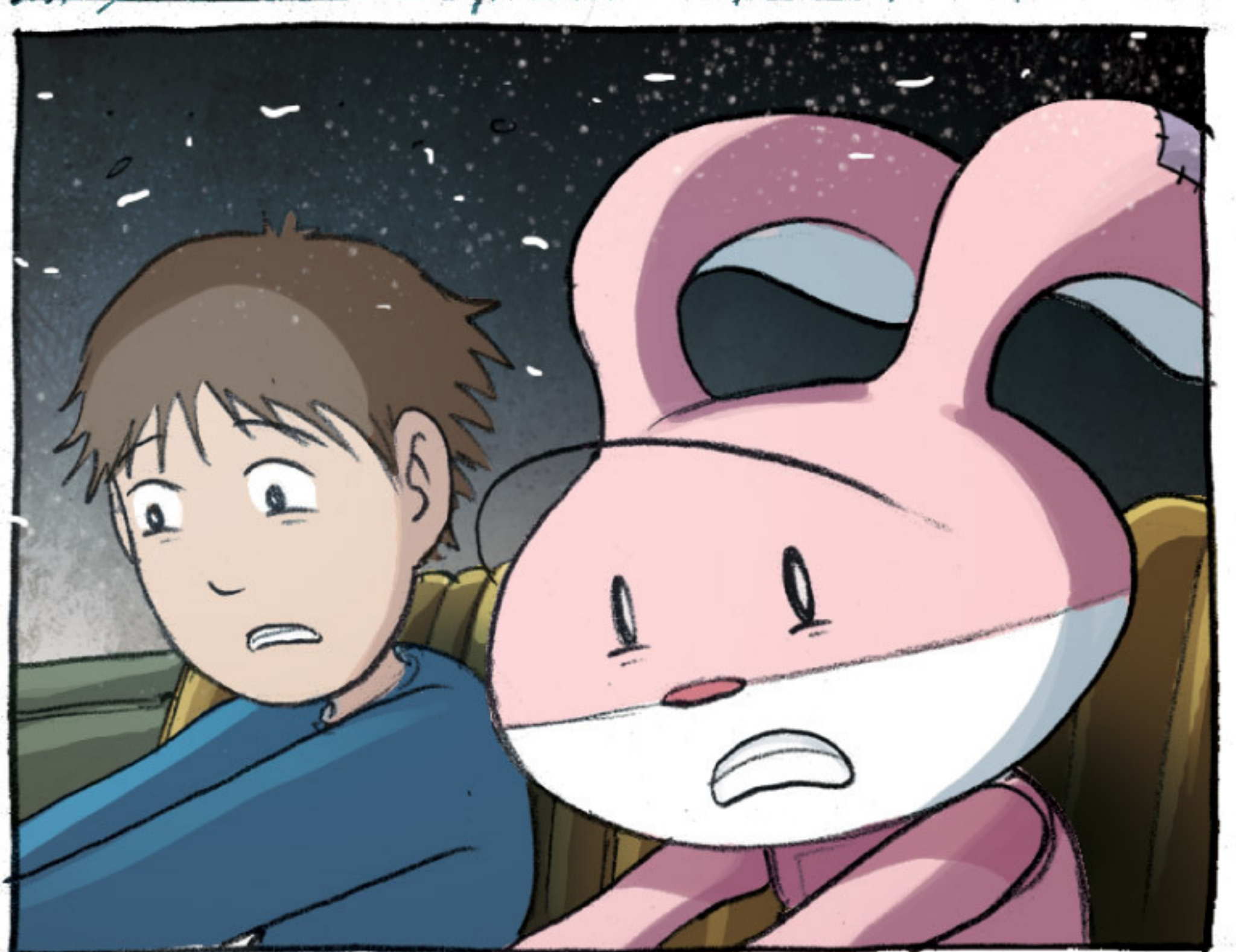
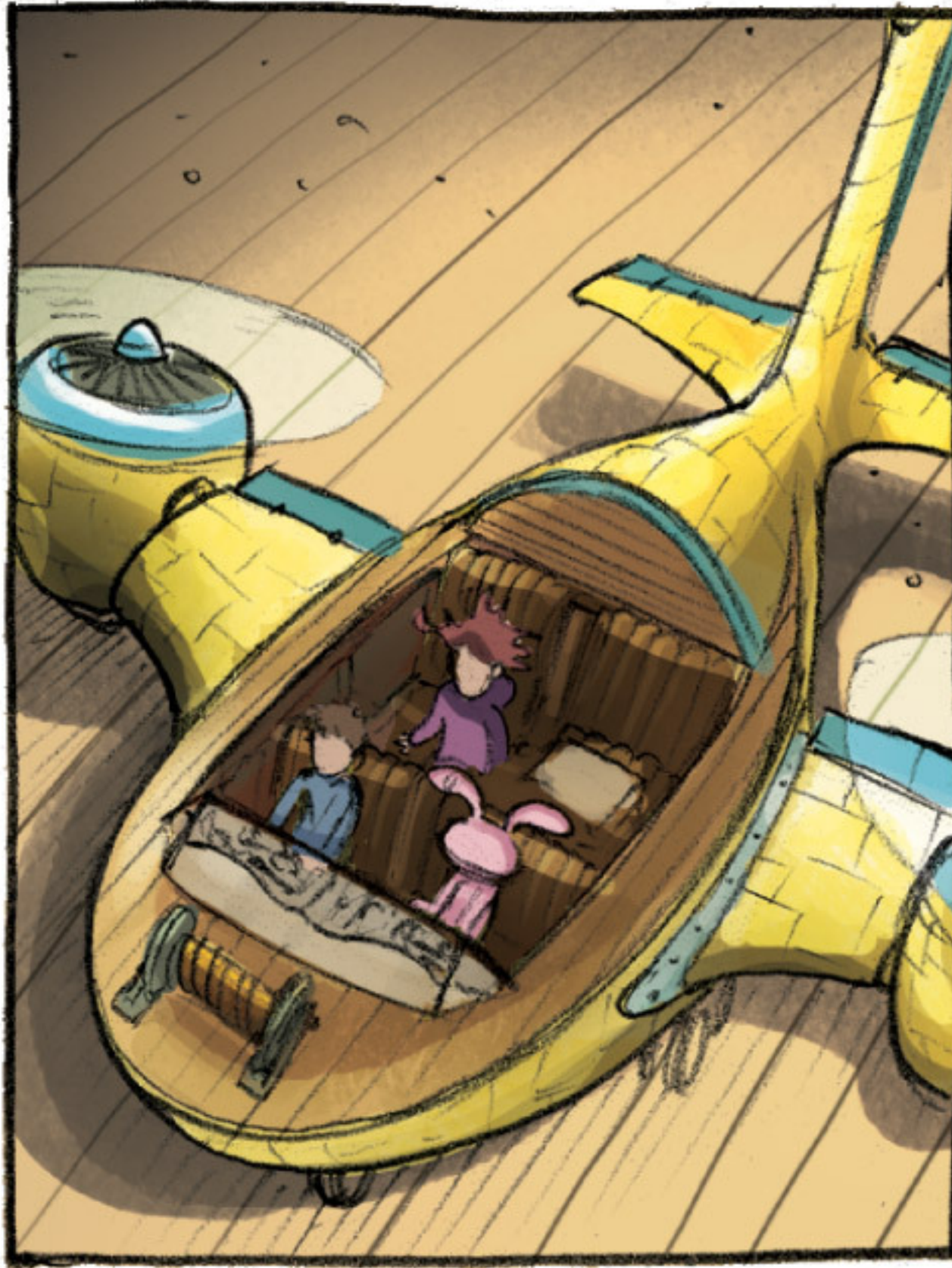
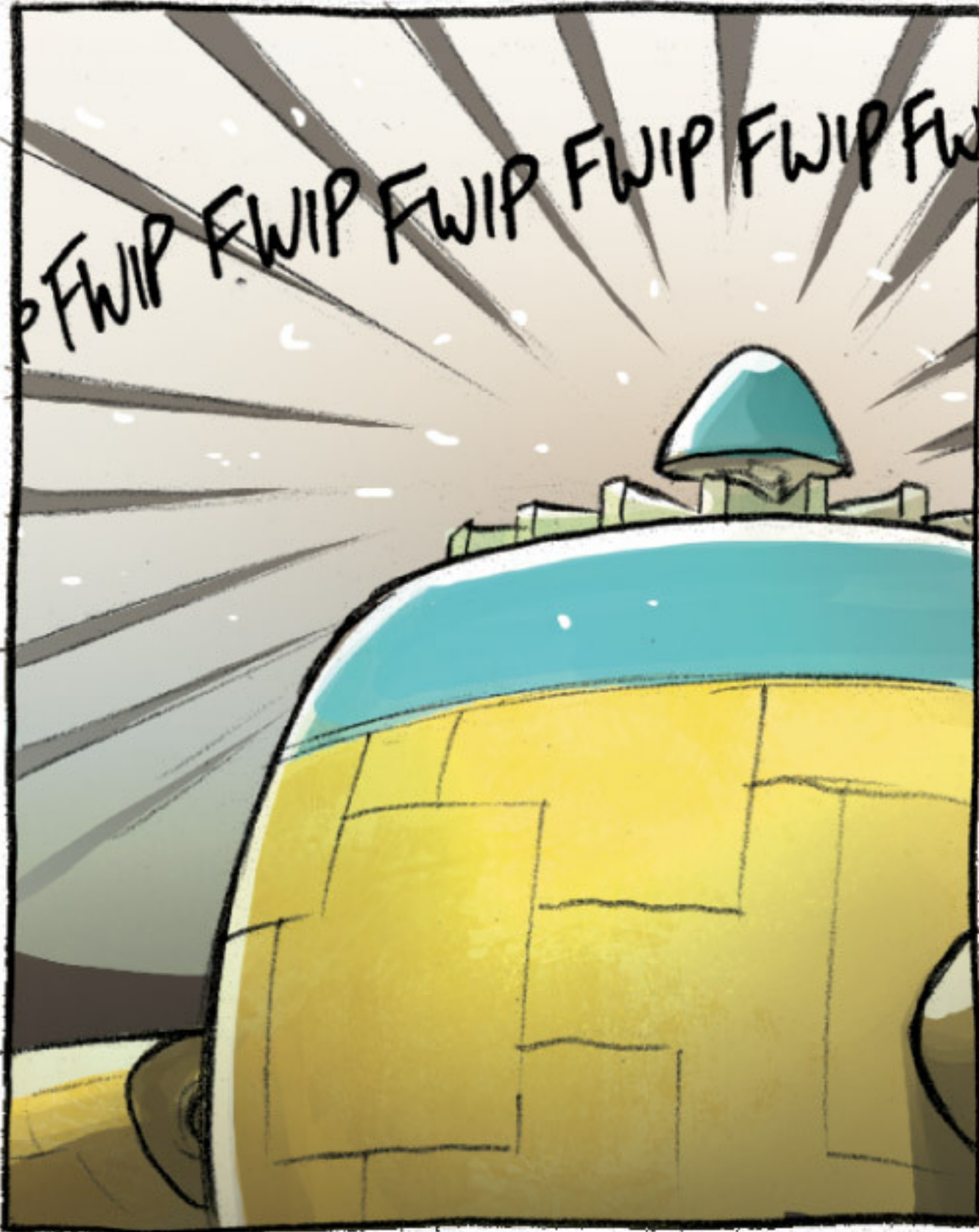
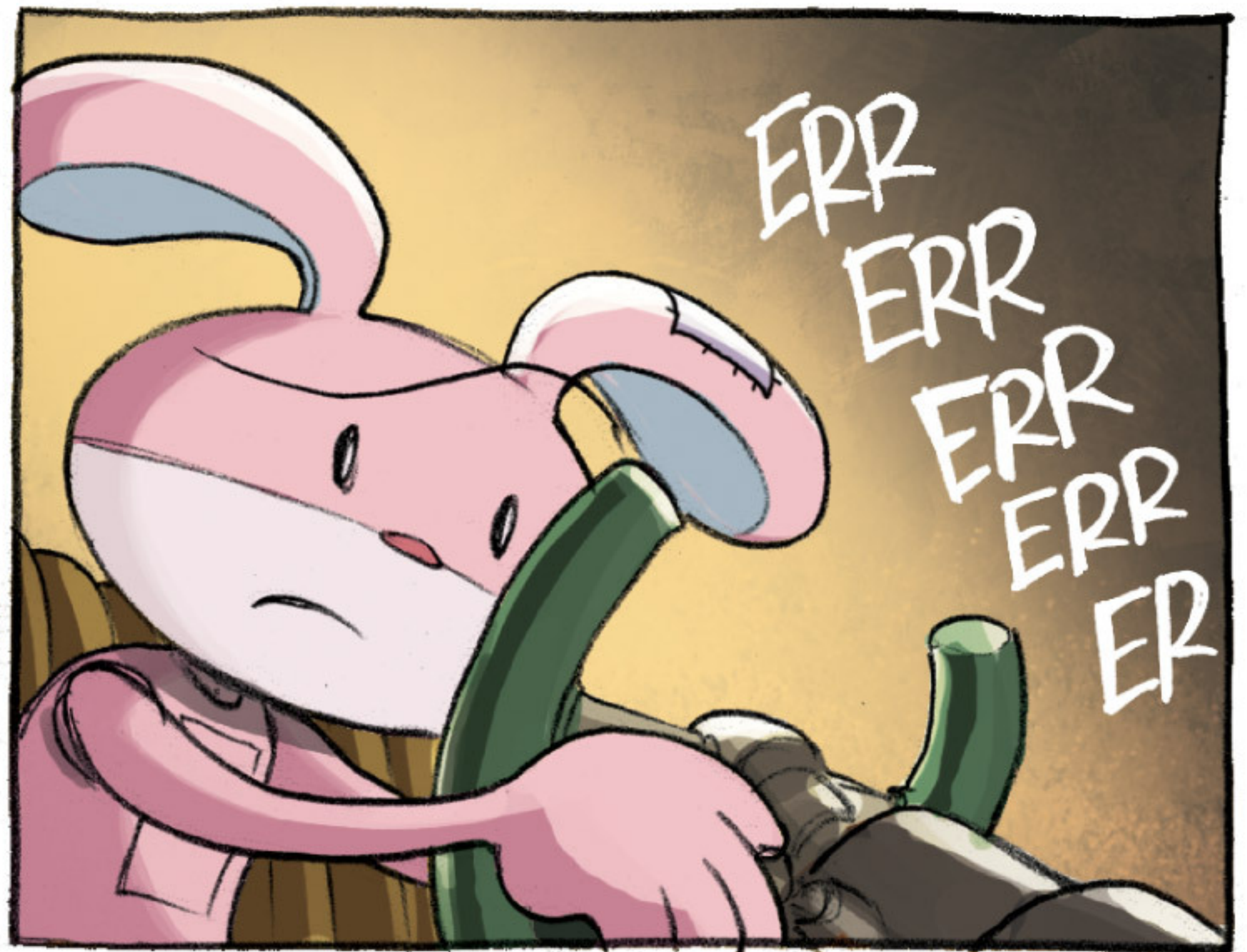
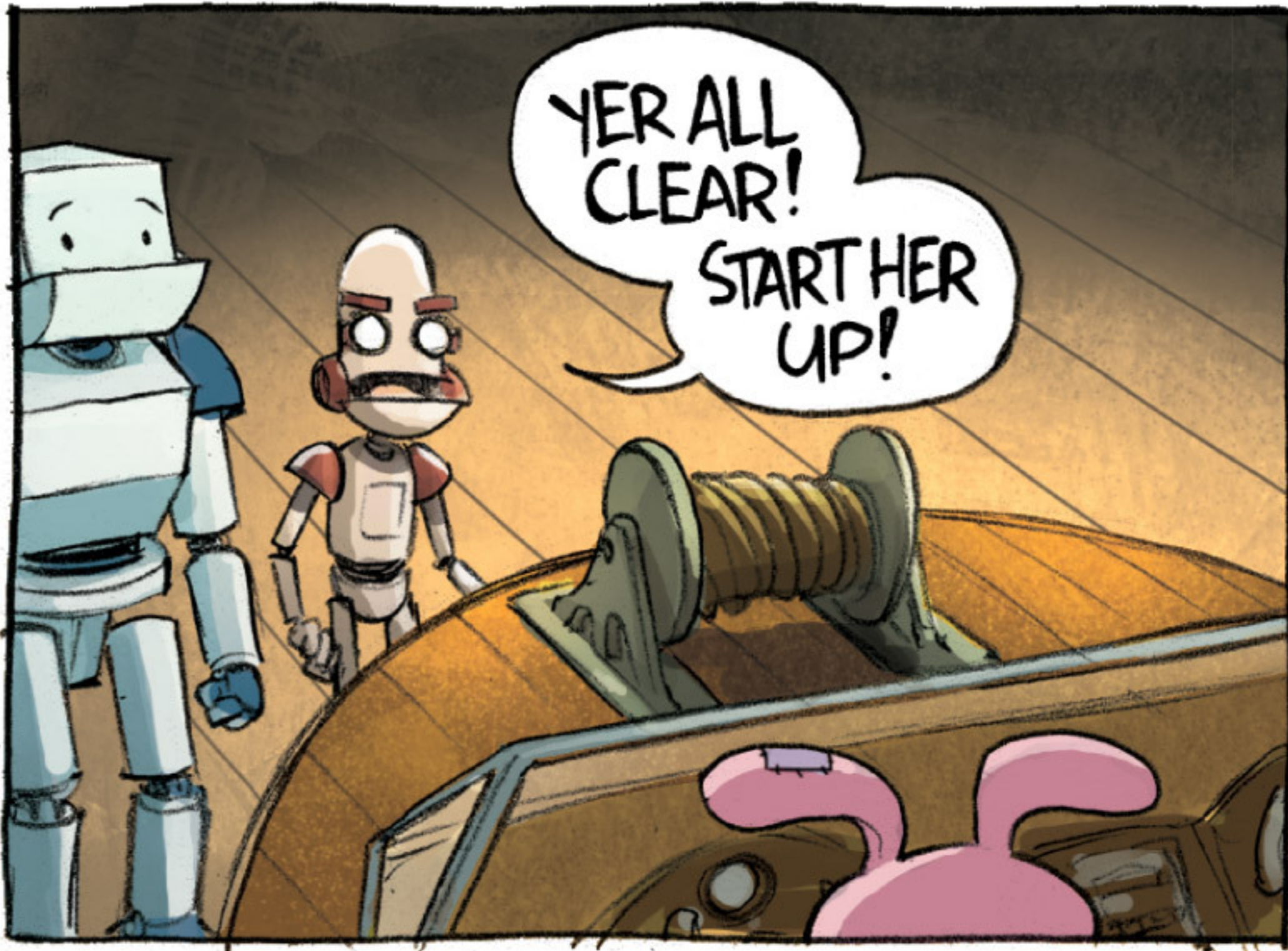


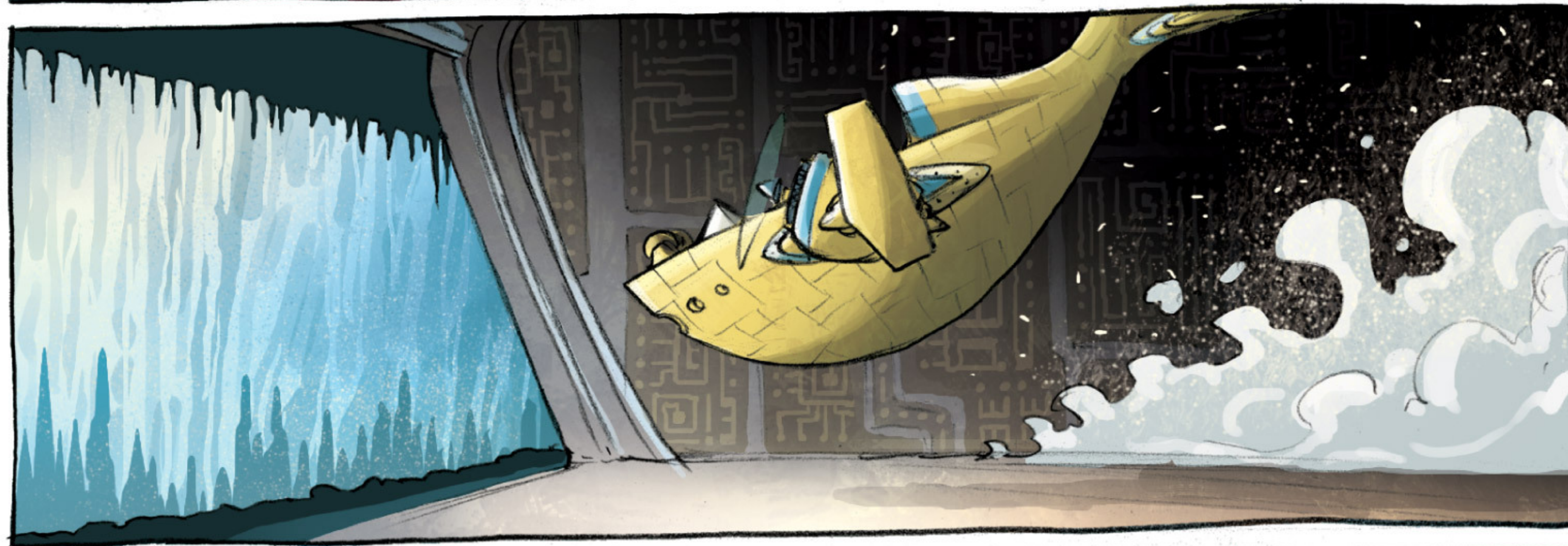
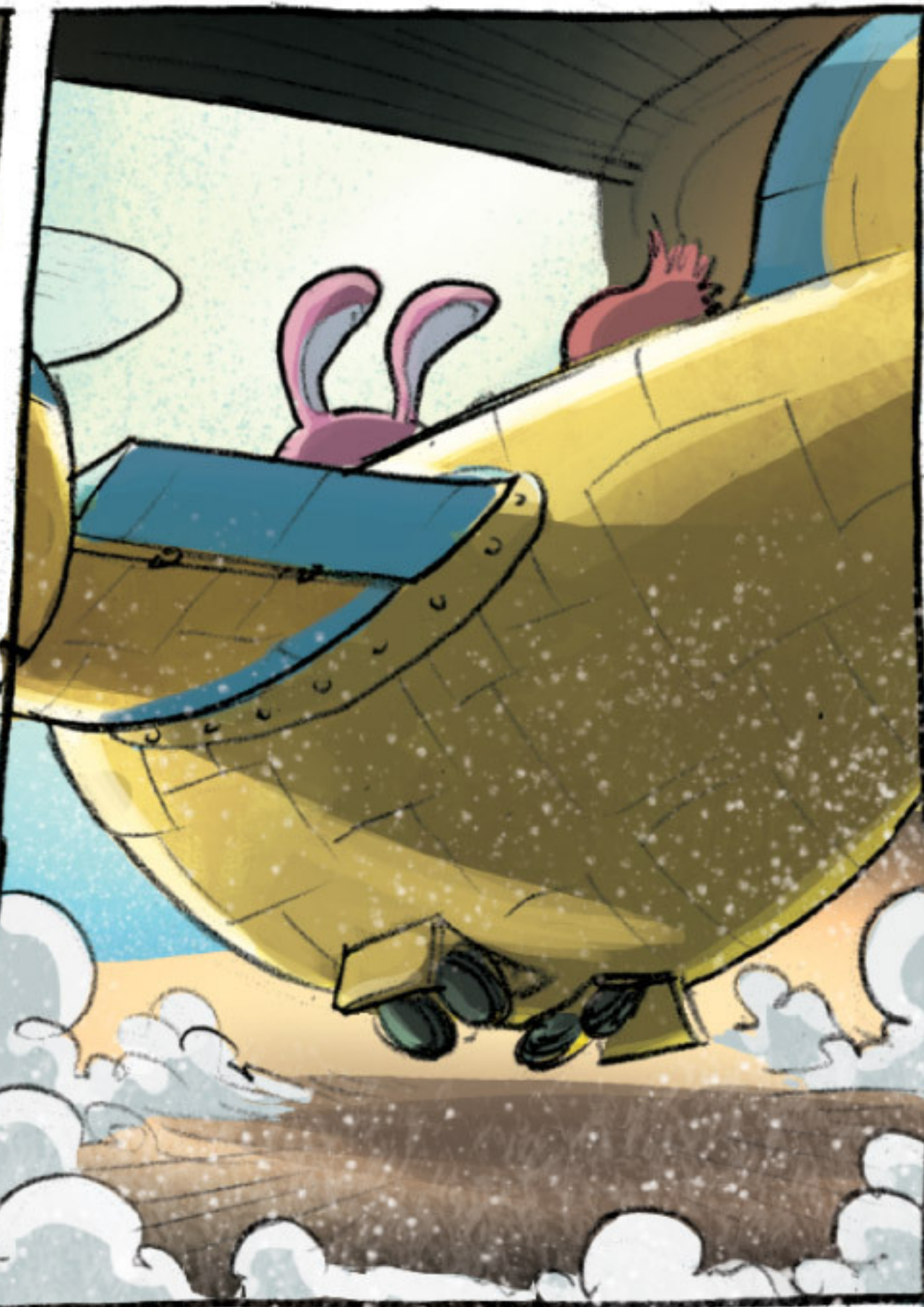
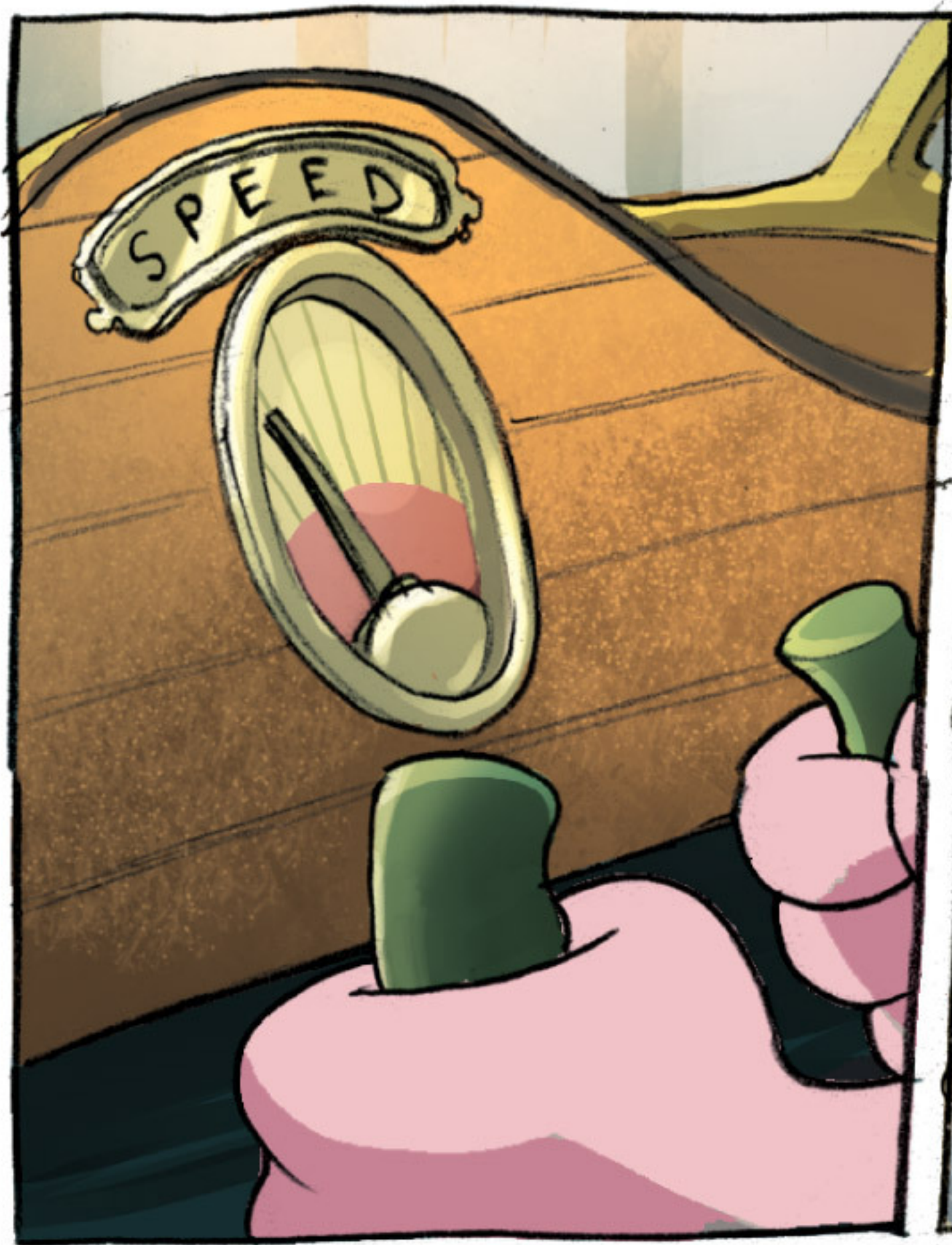
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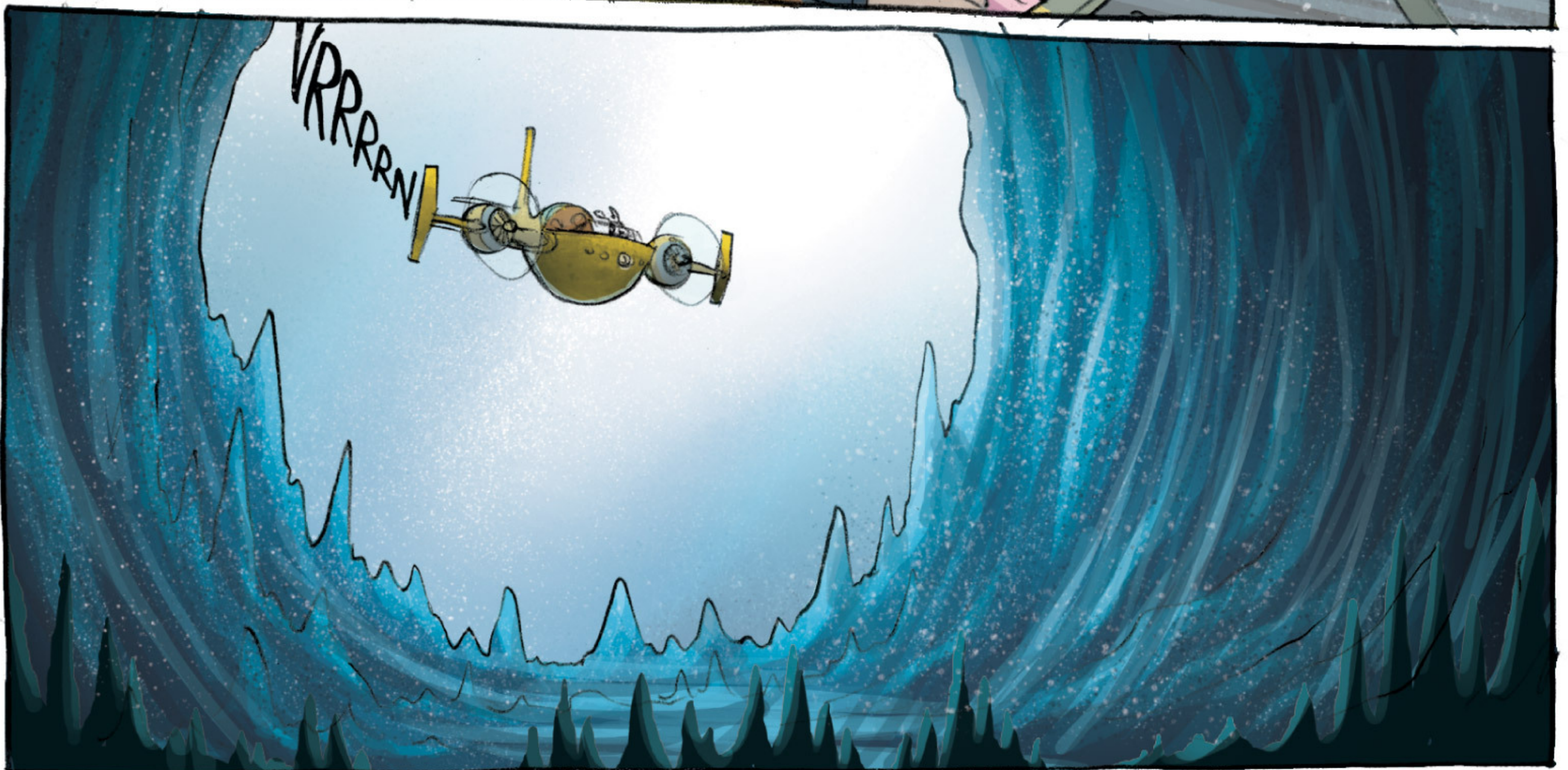
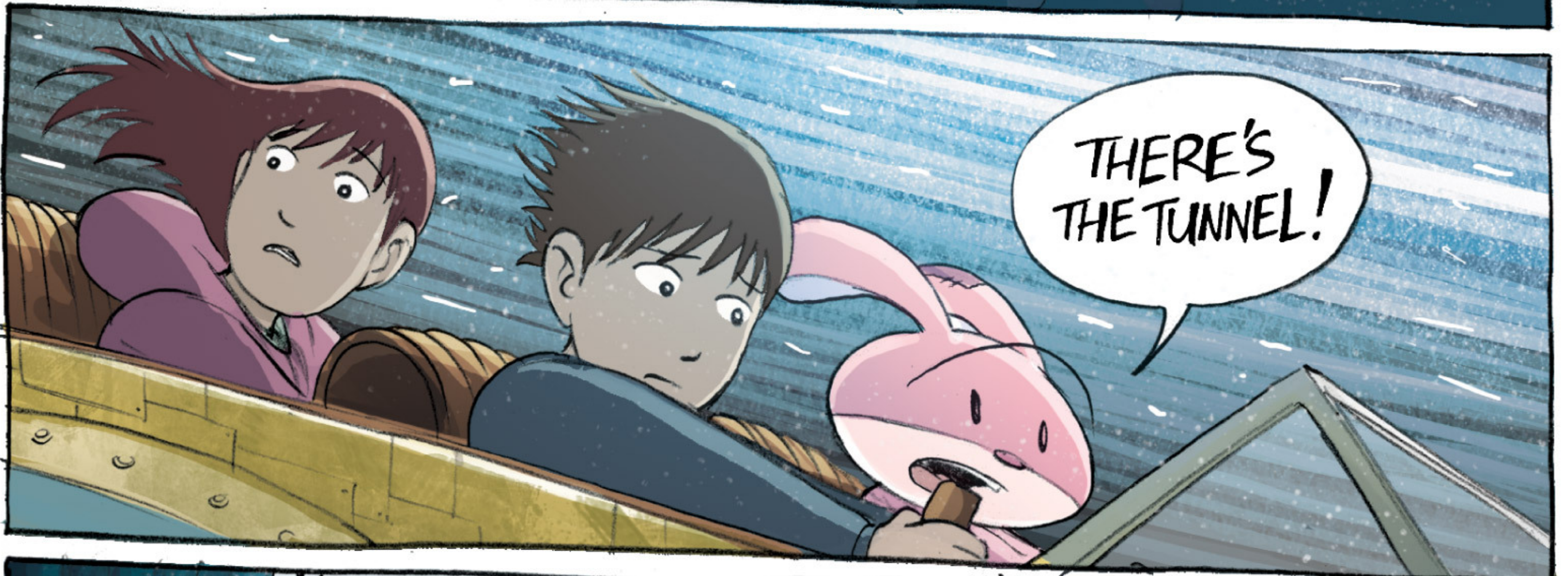
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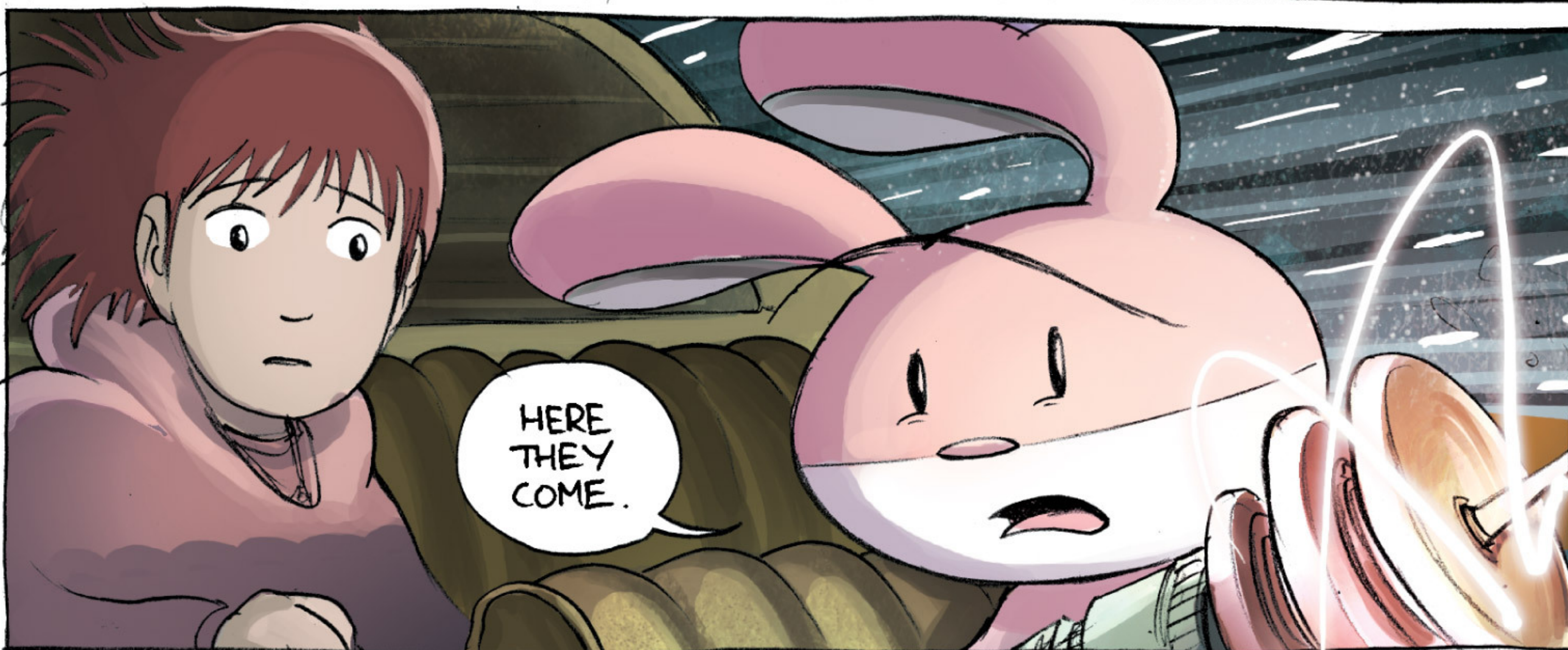
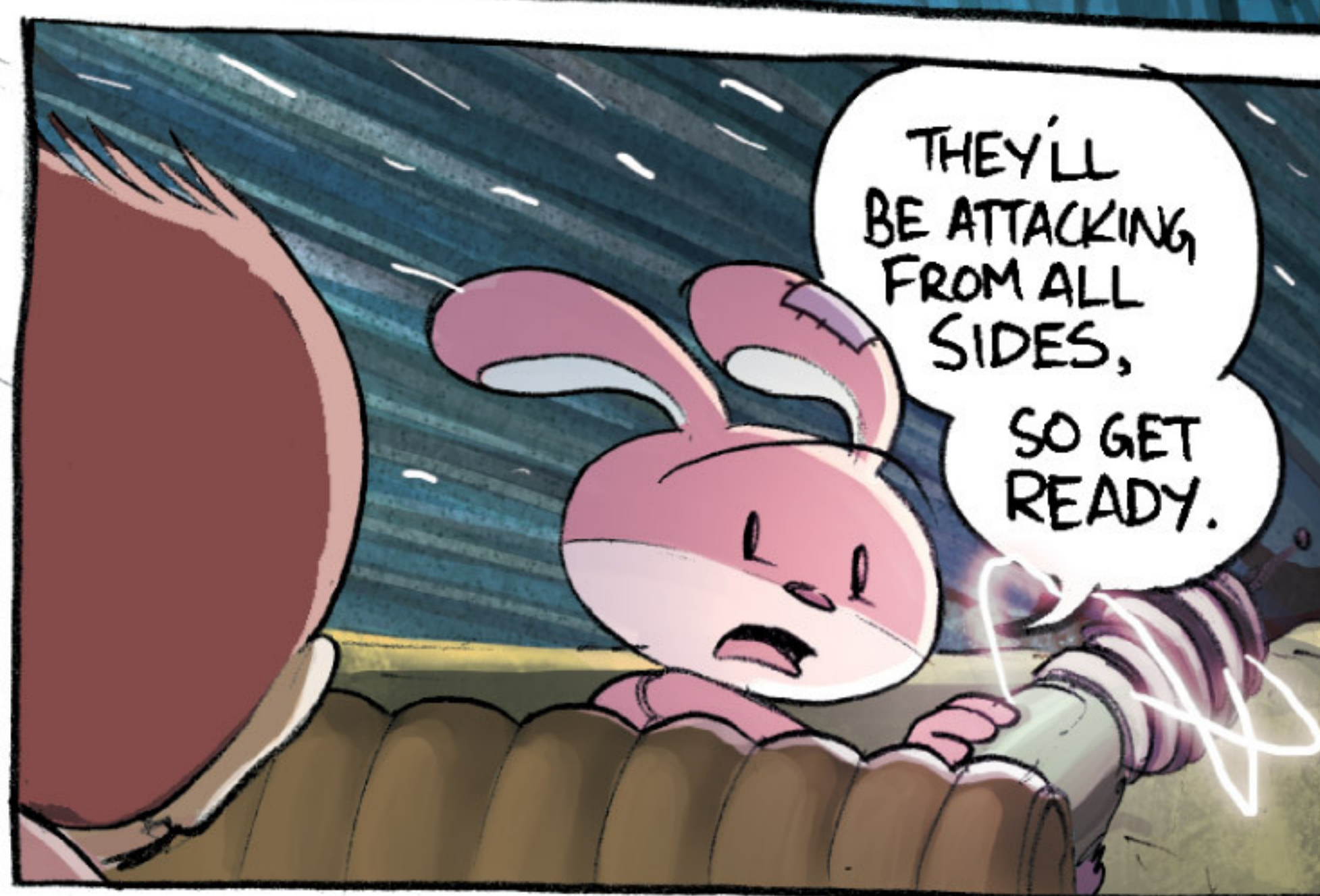
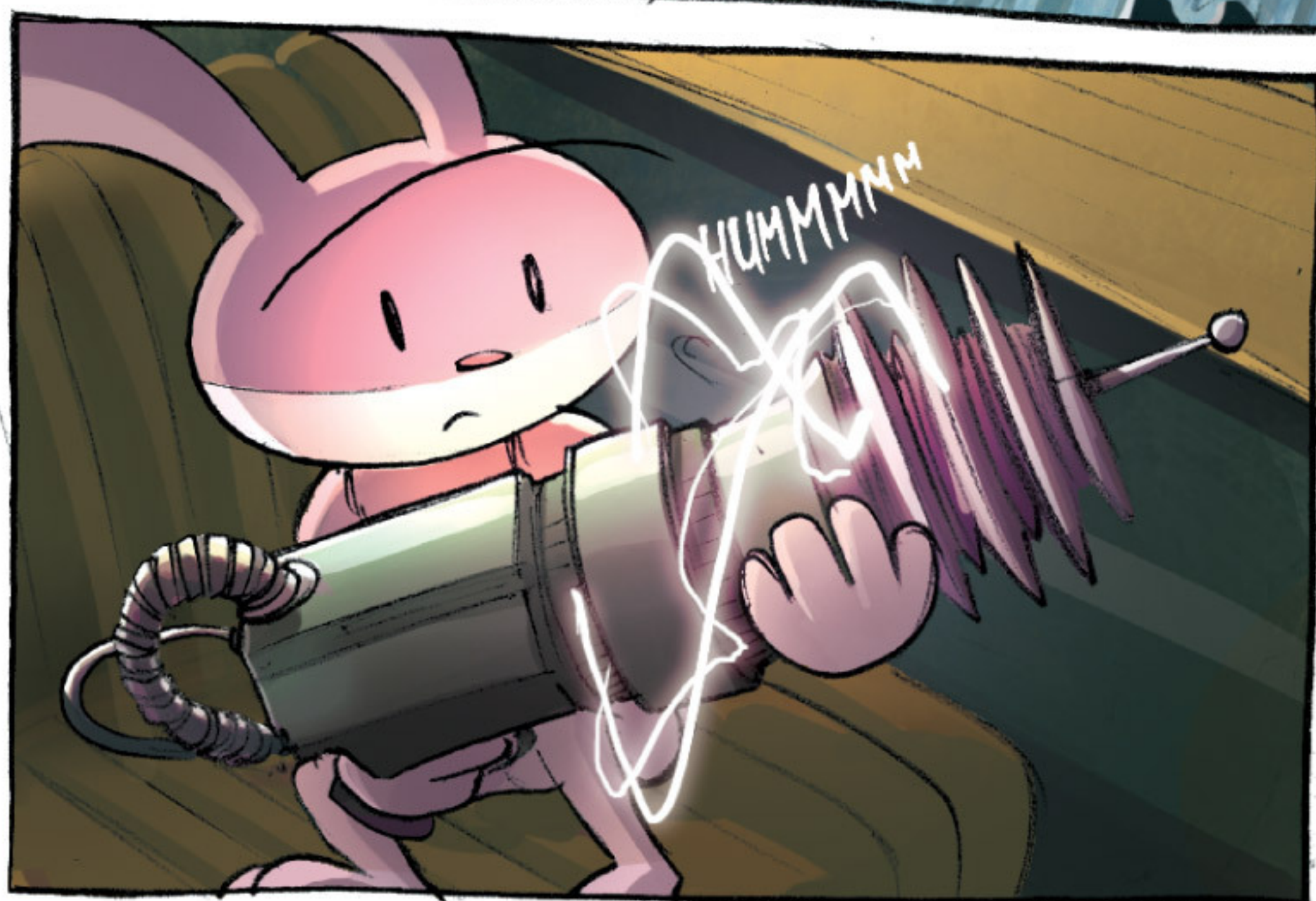
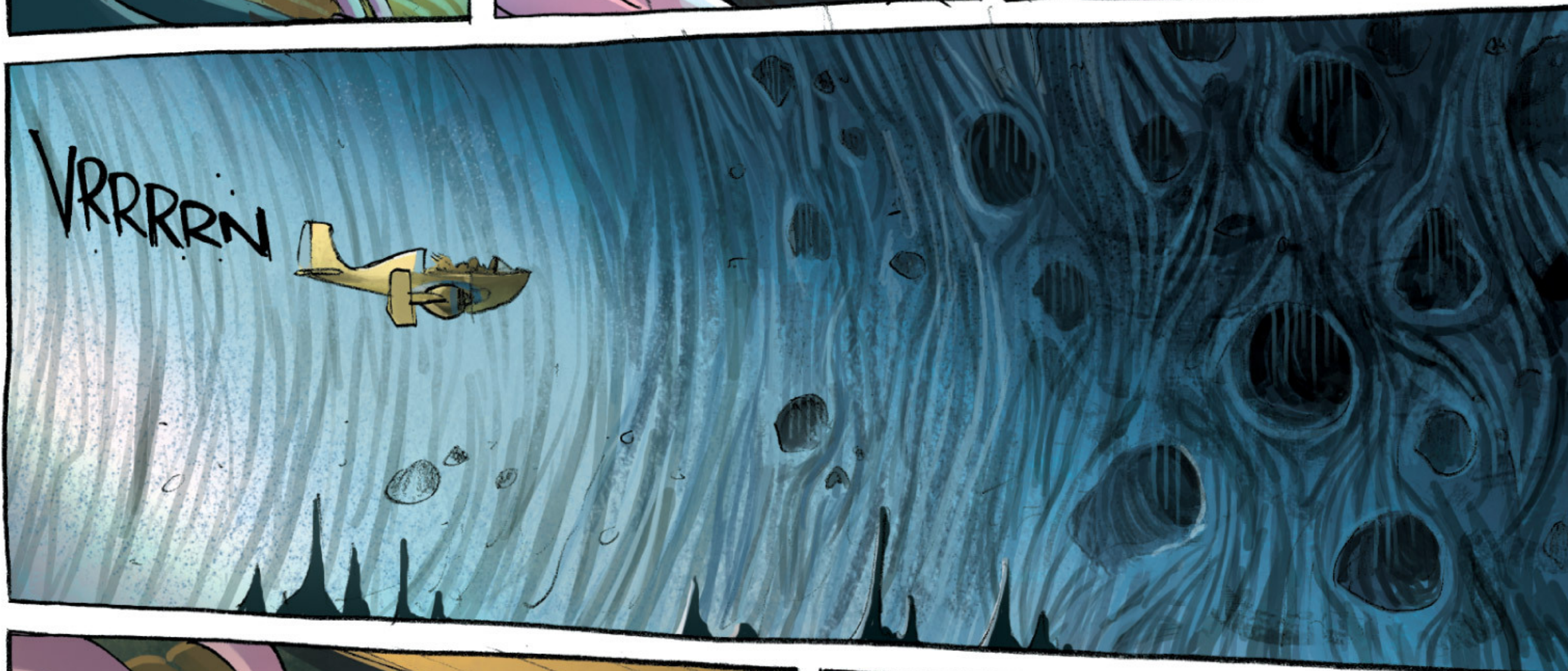
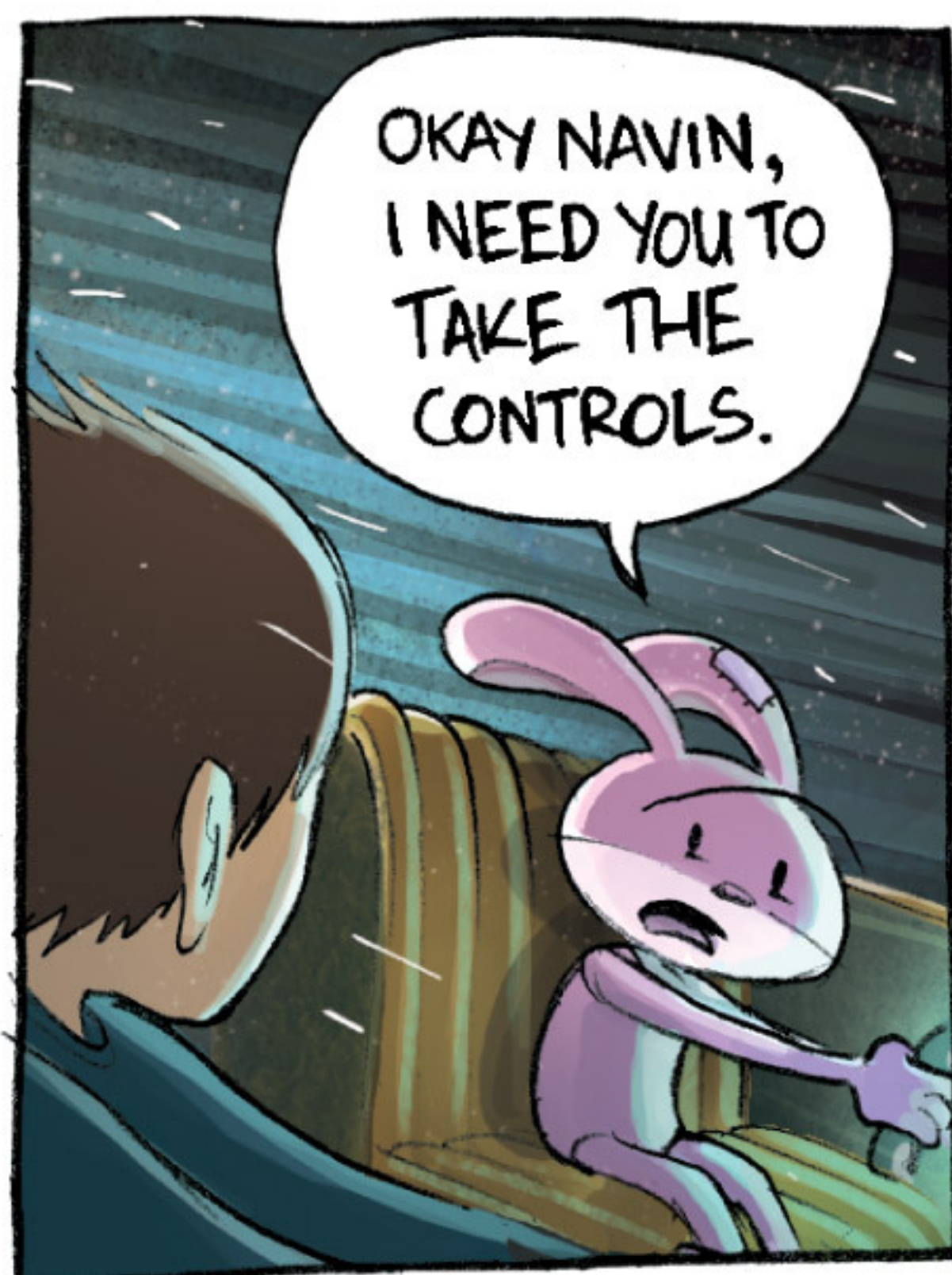
ARE YOU
JOKERS
FINISHED?

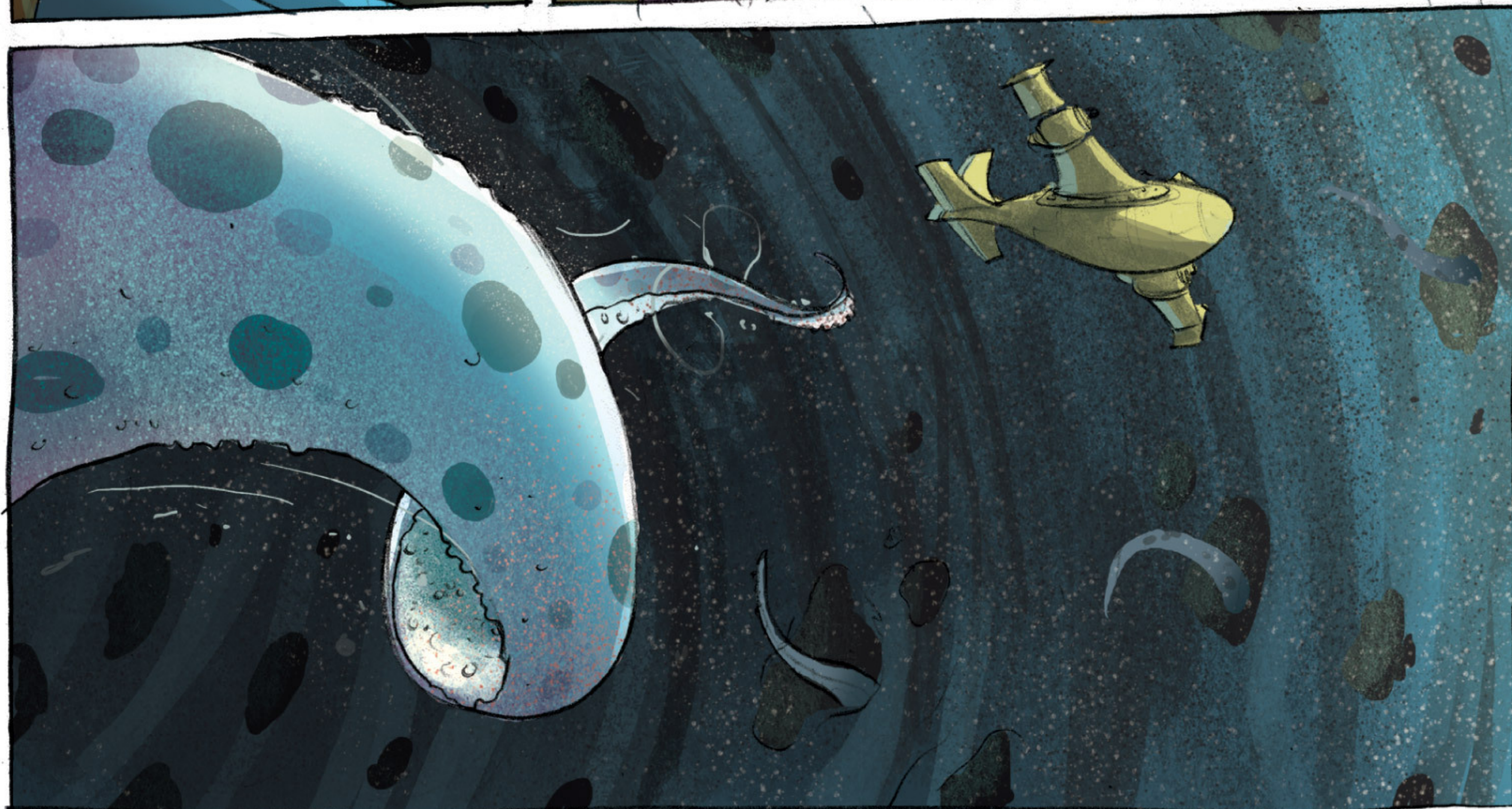
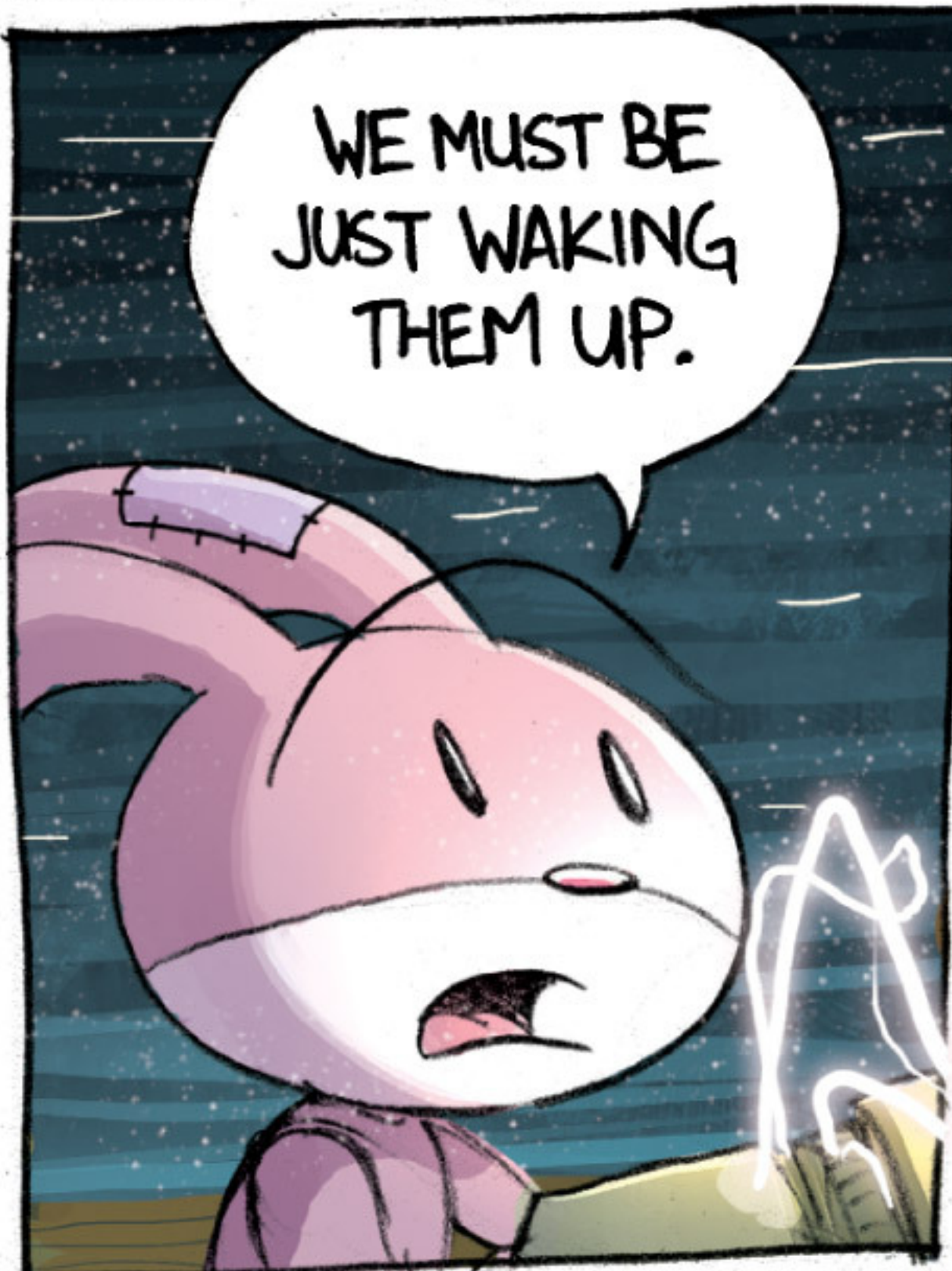


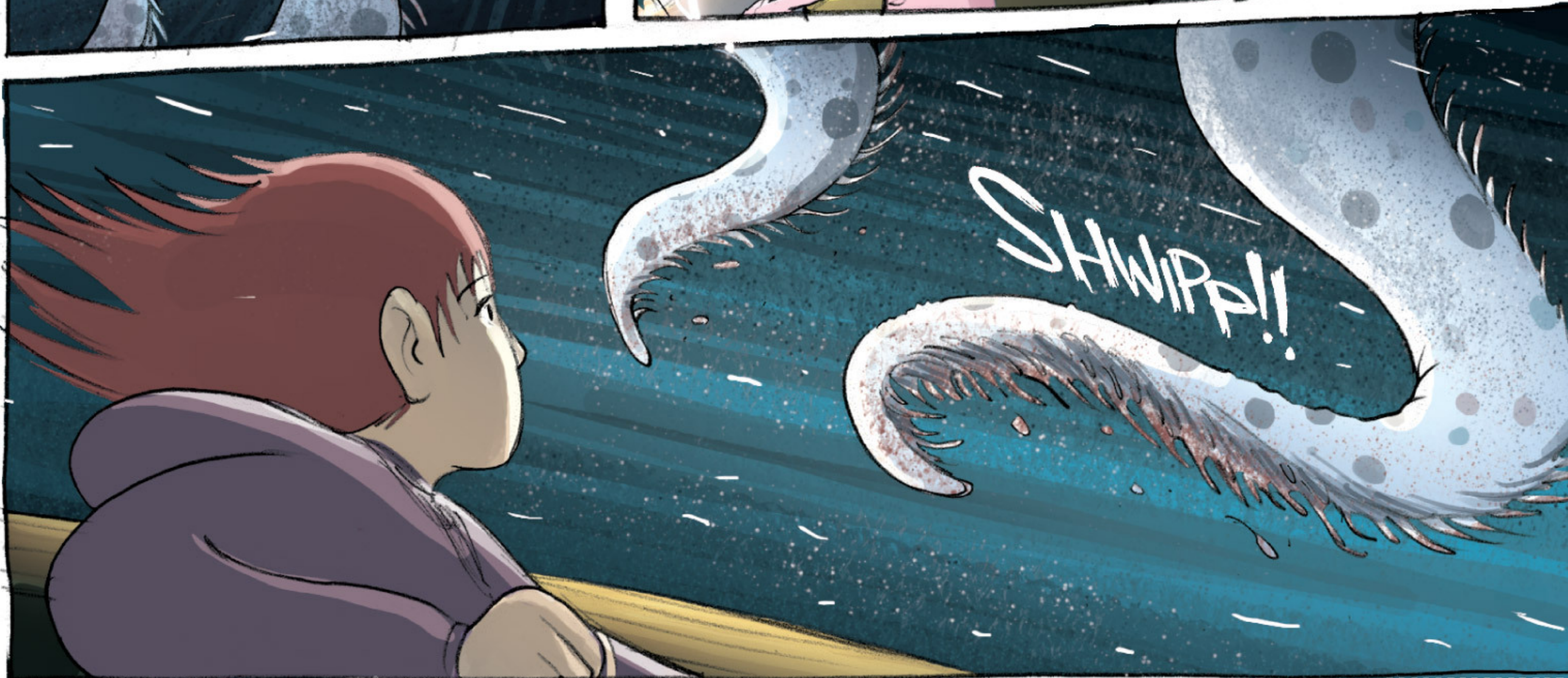
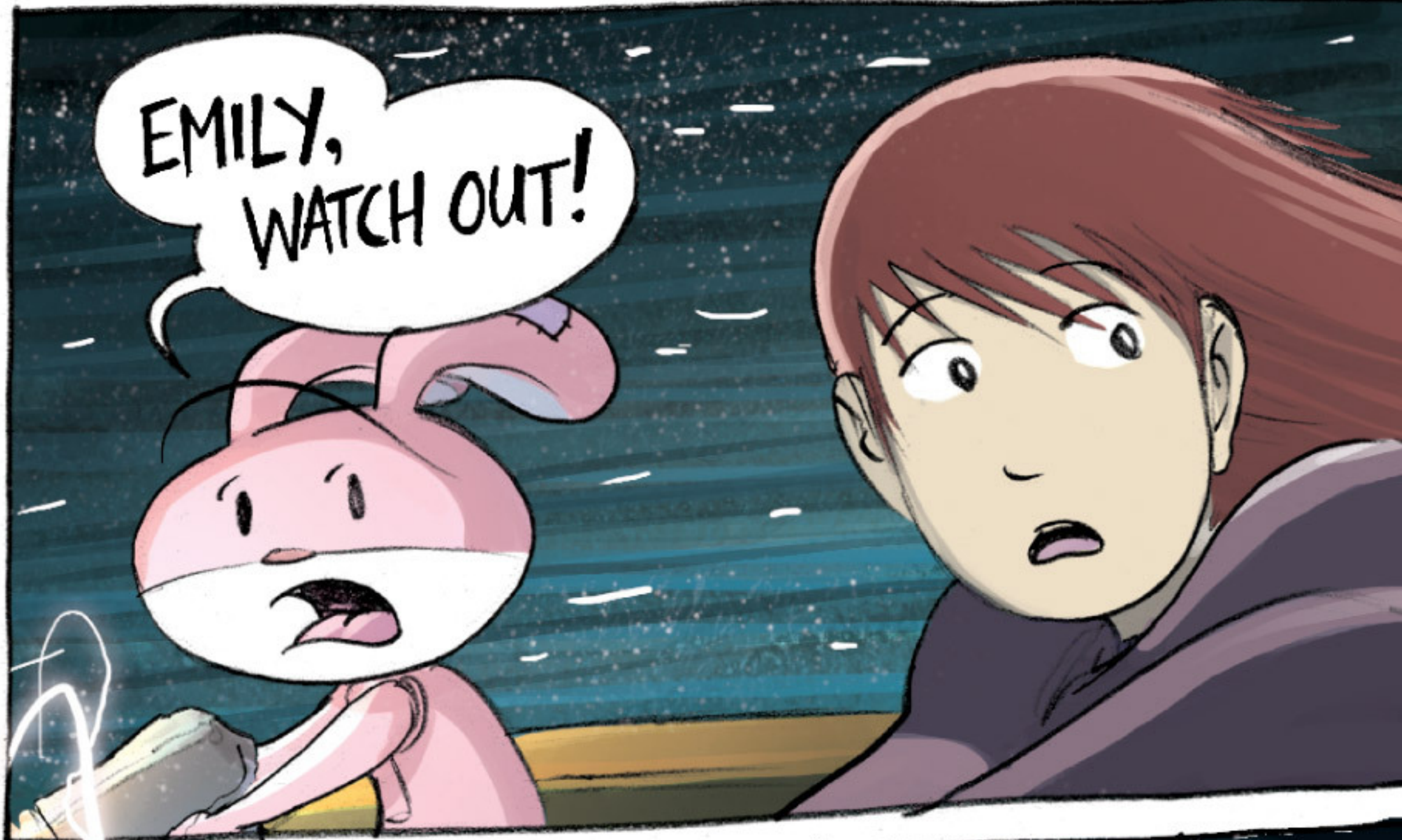
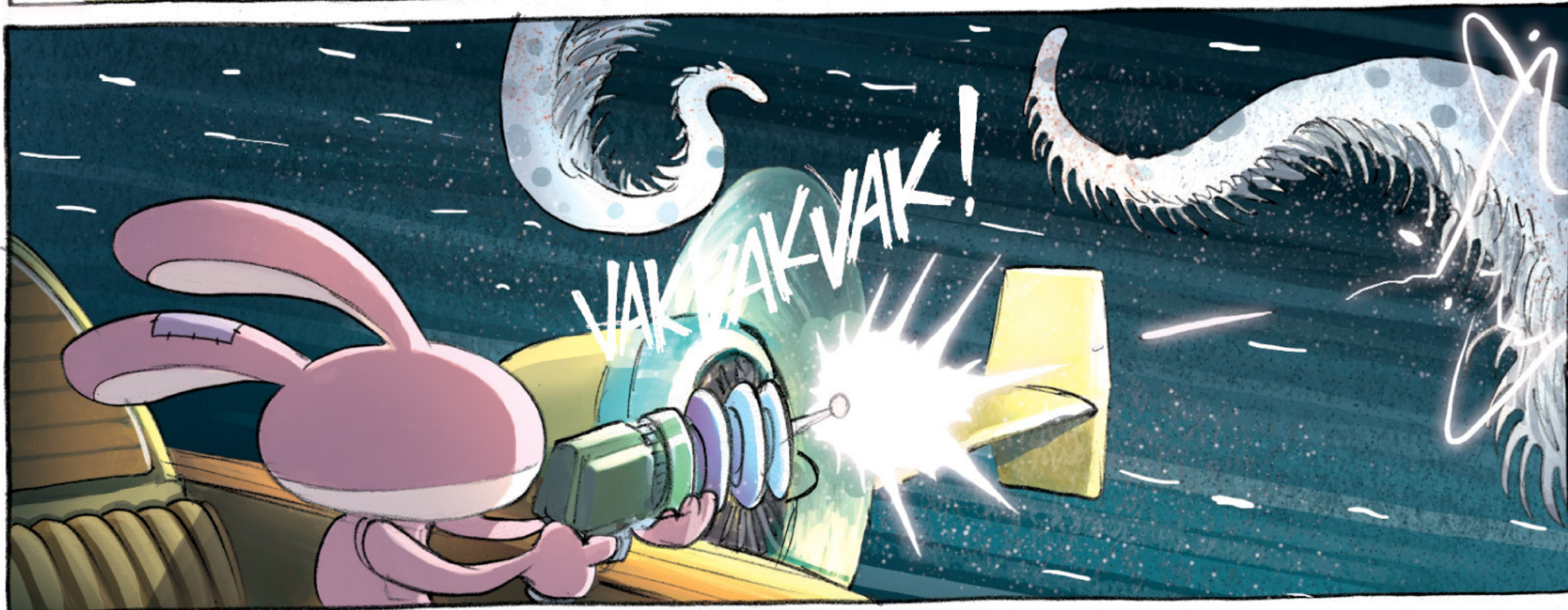
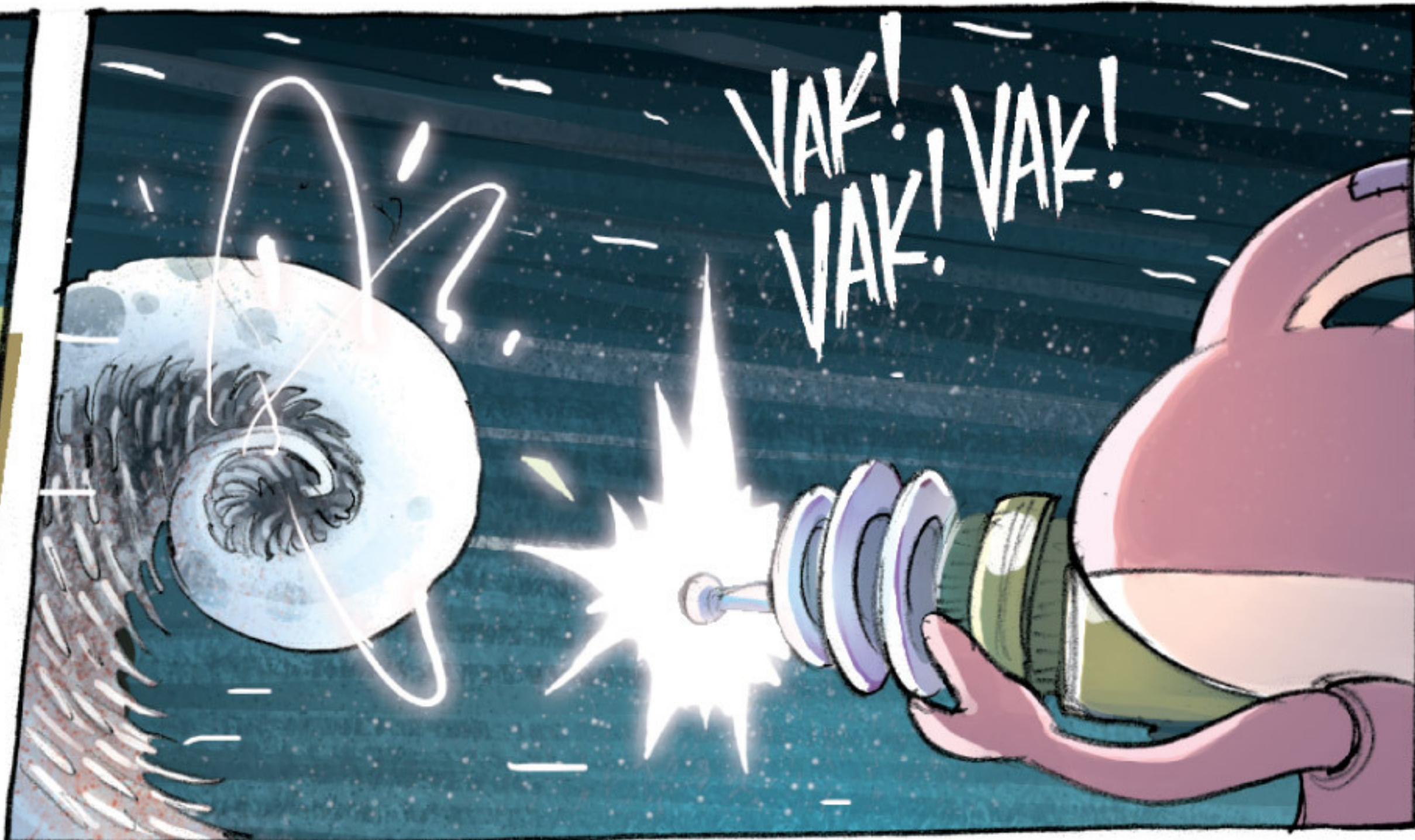
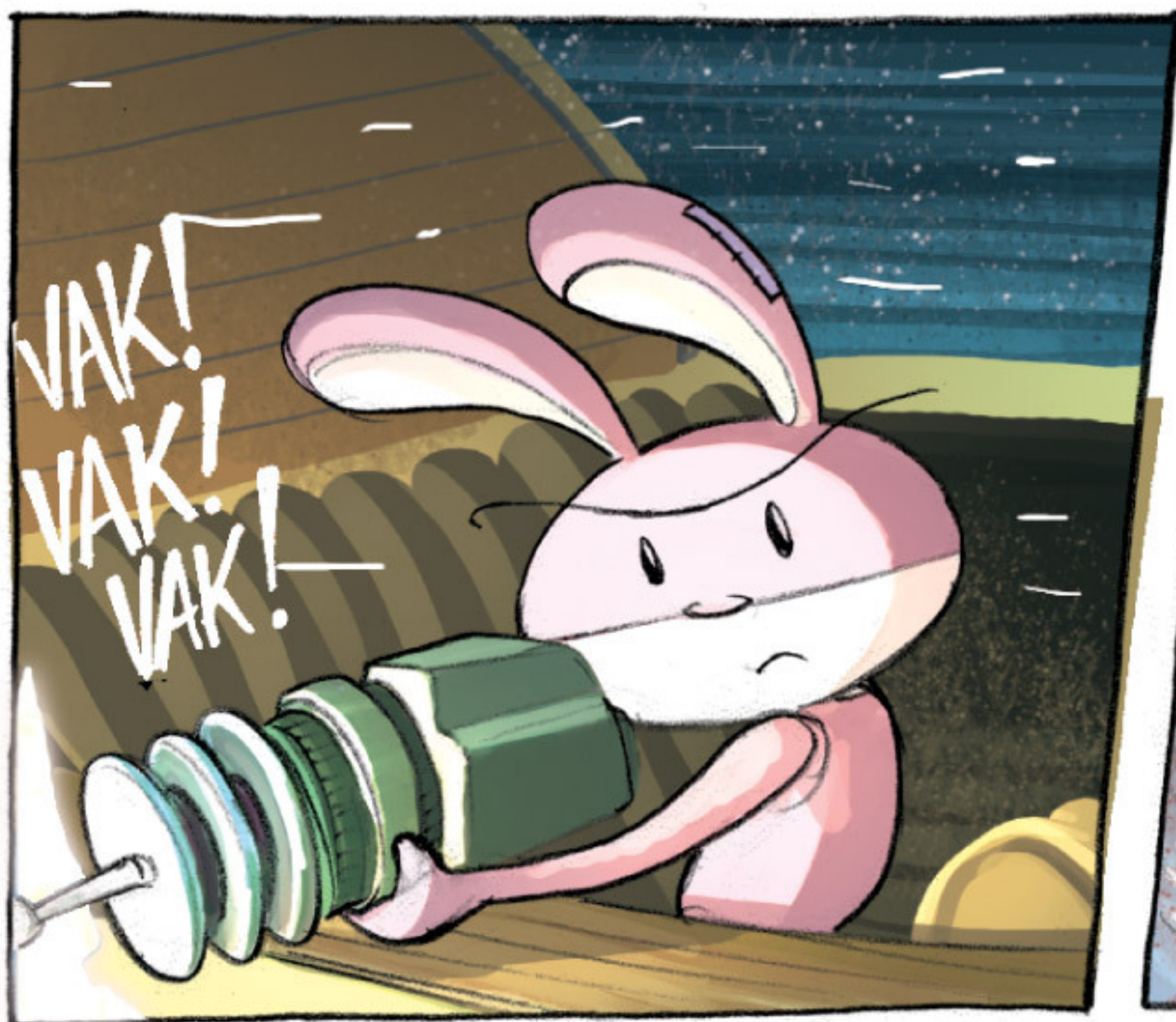


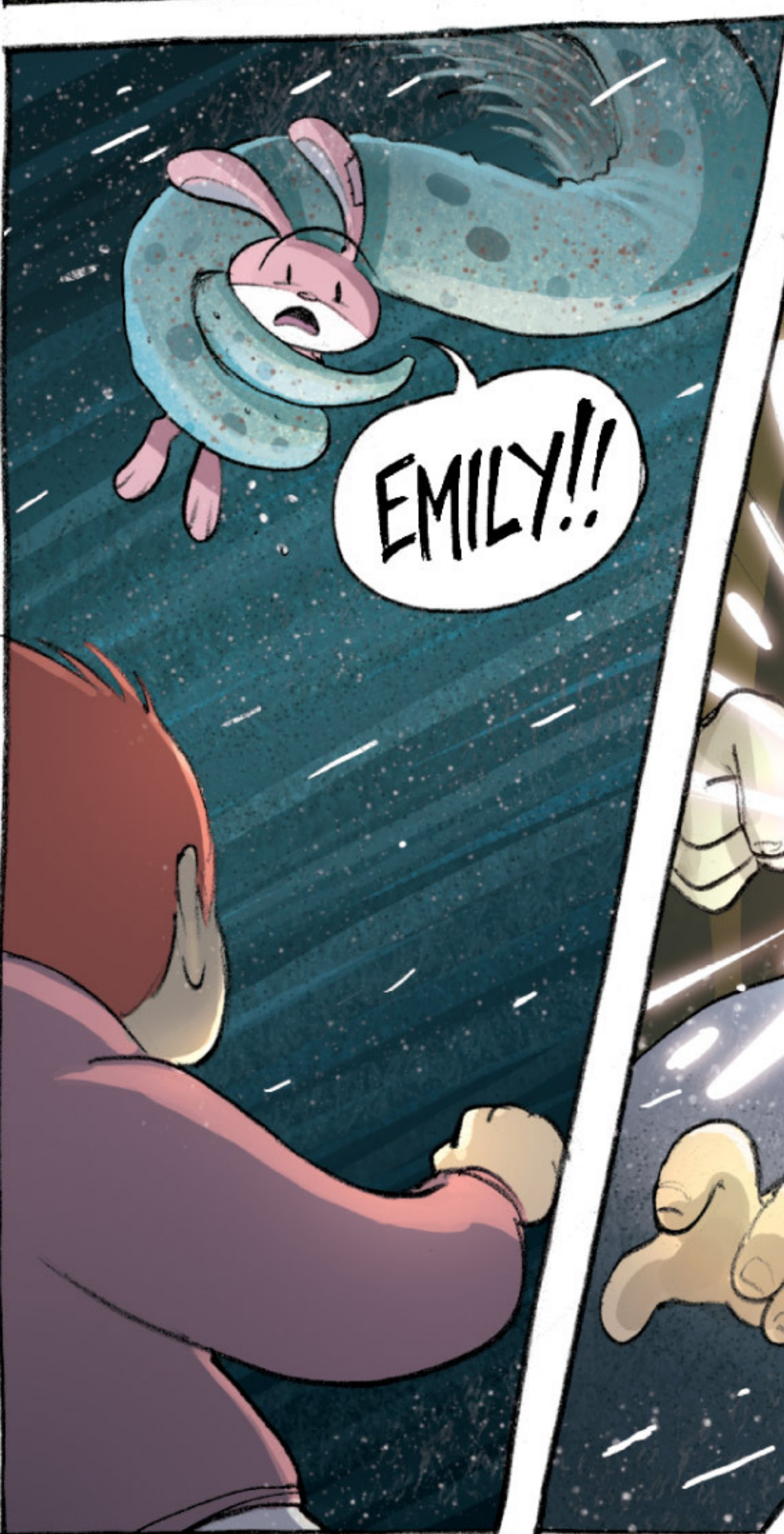
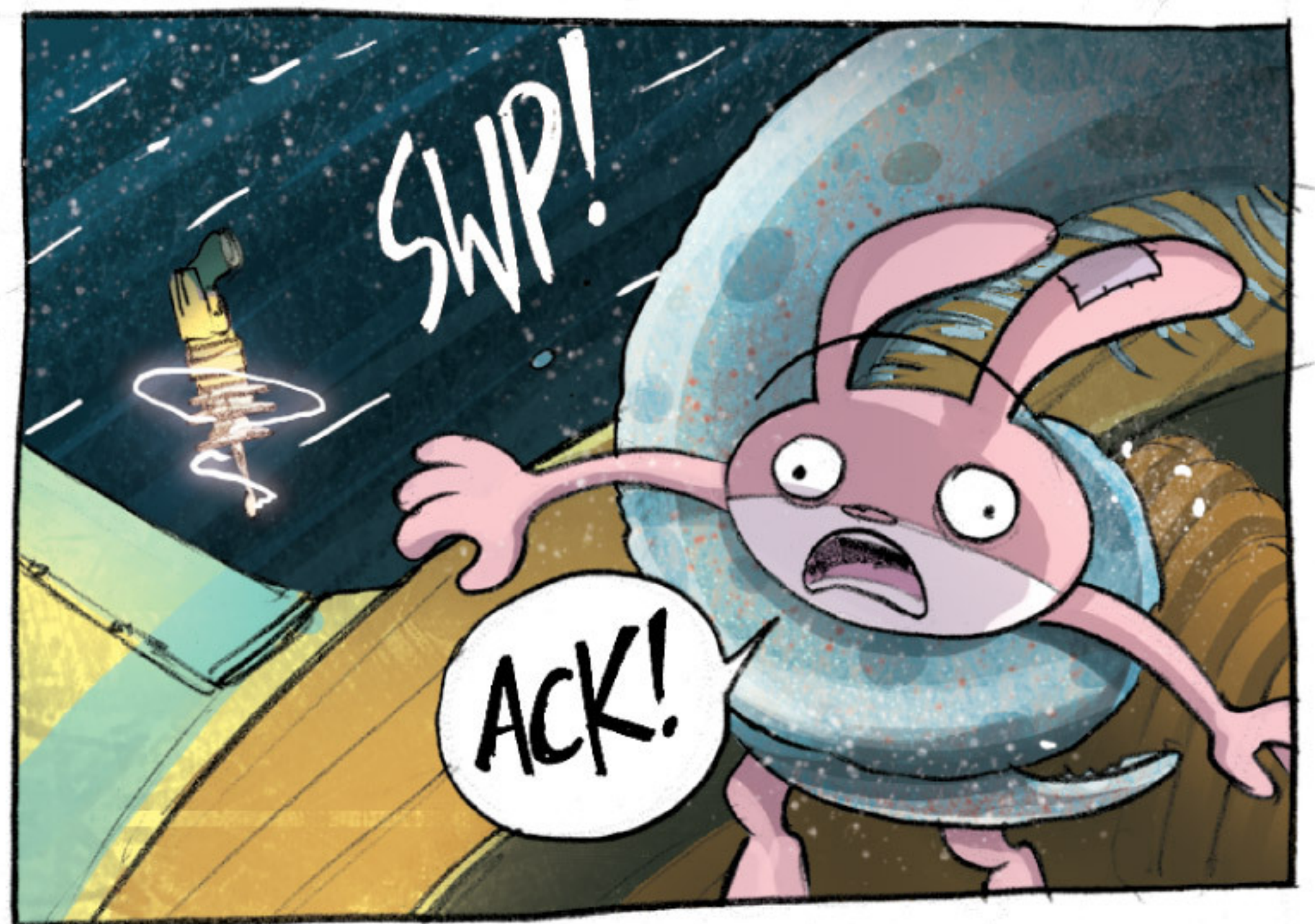
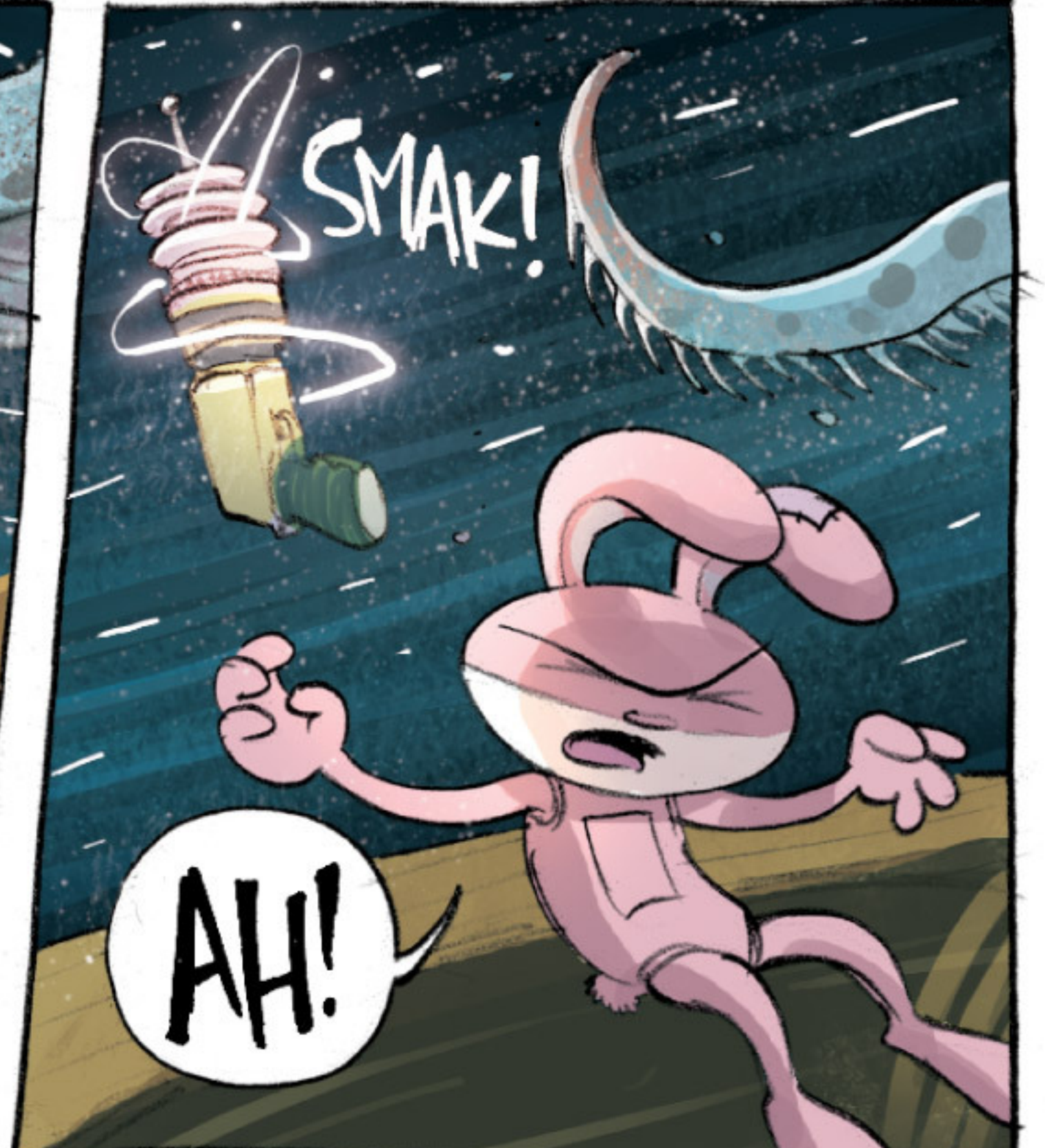


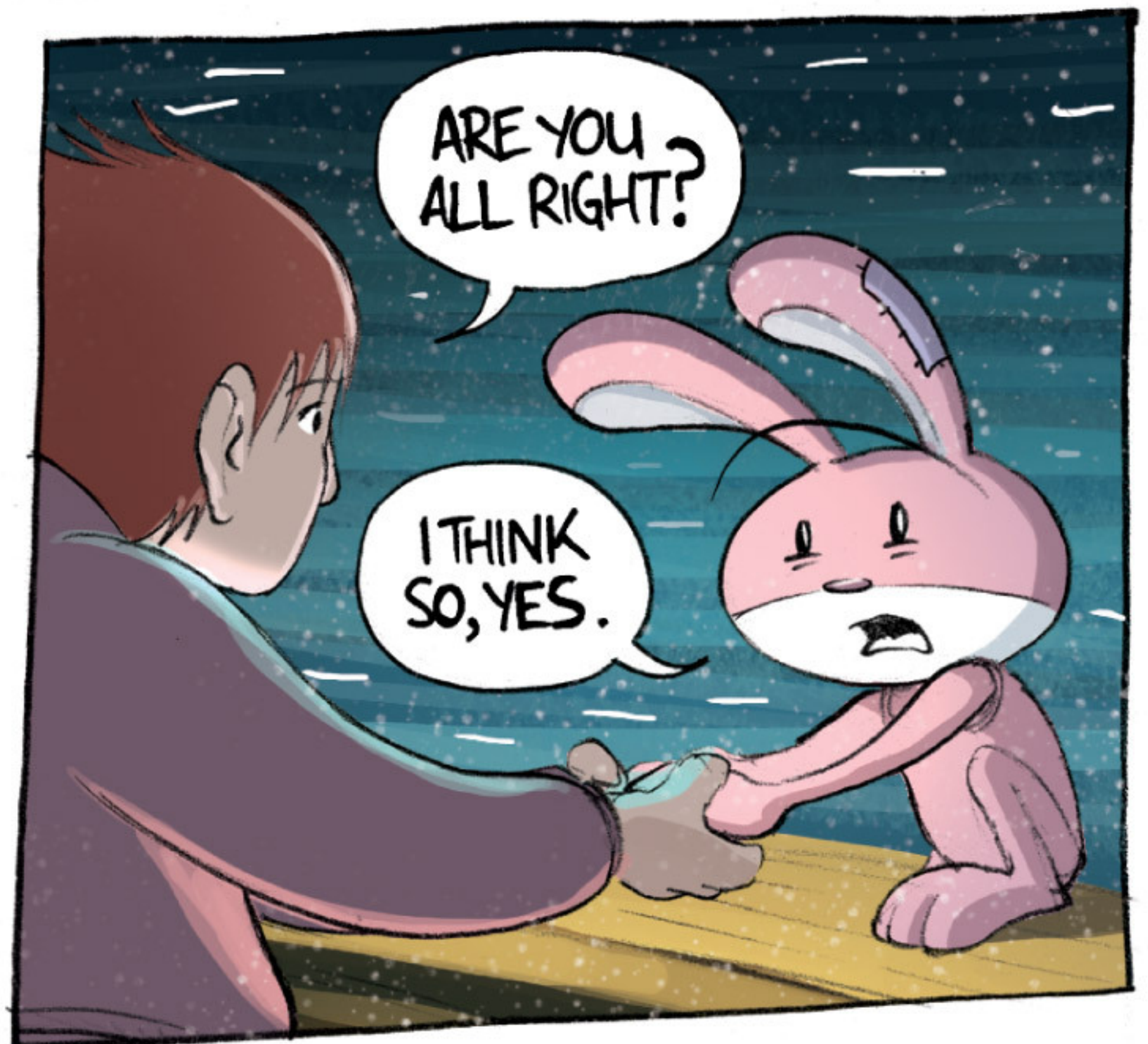
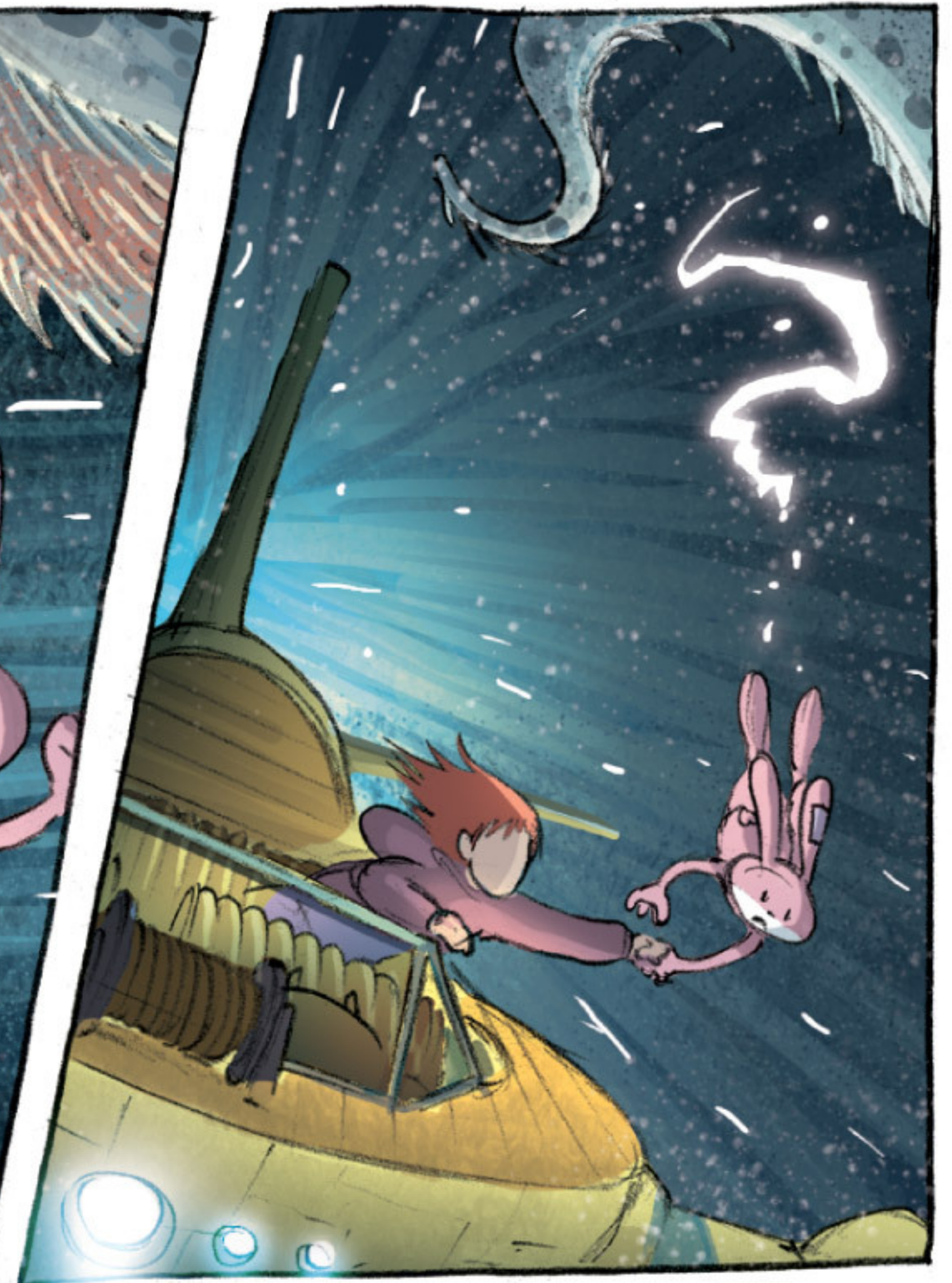
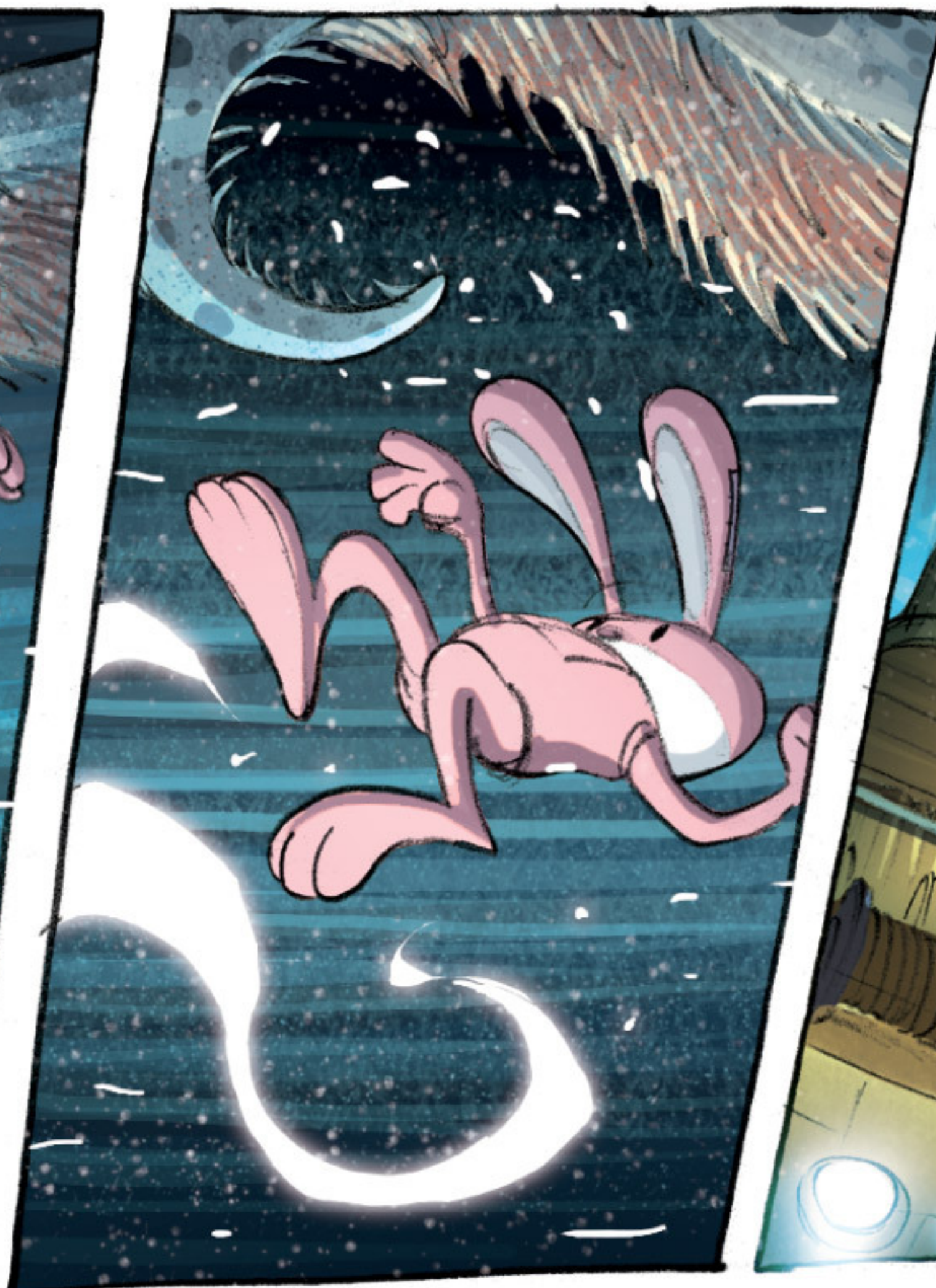


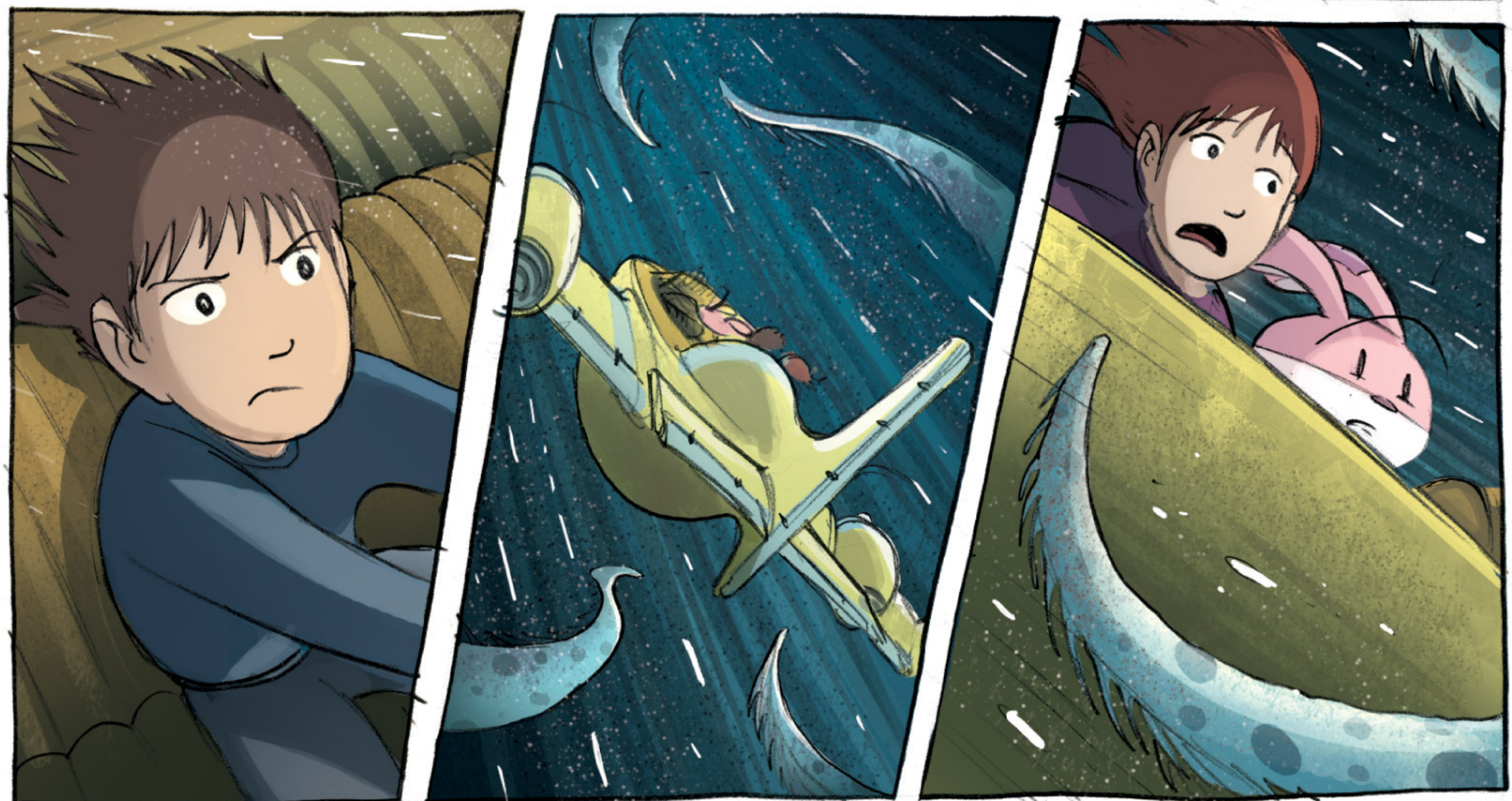
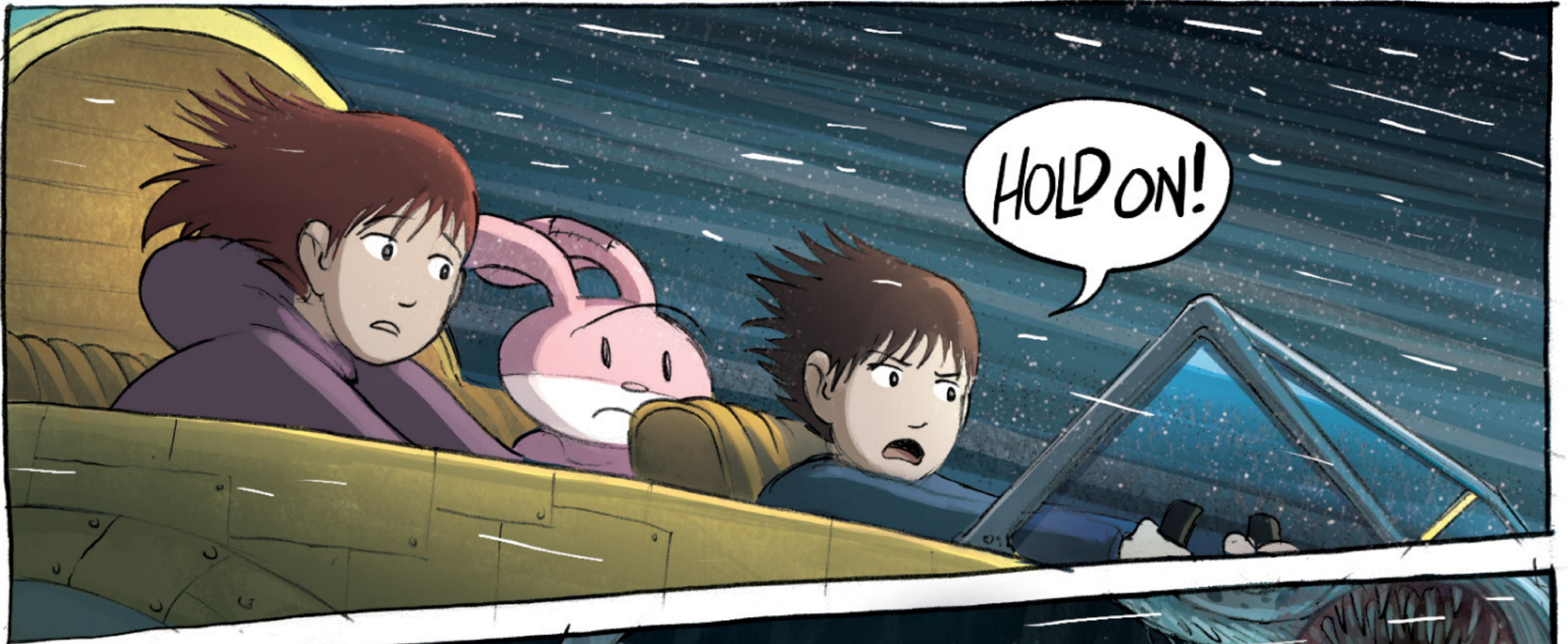


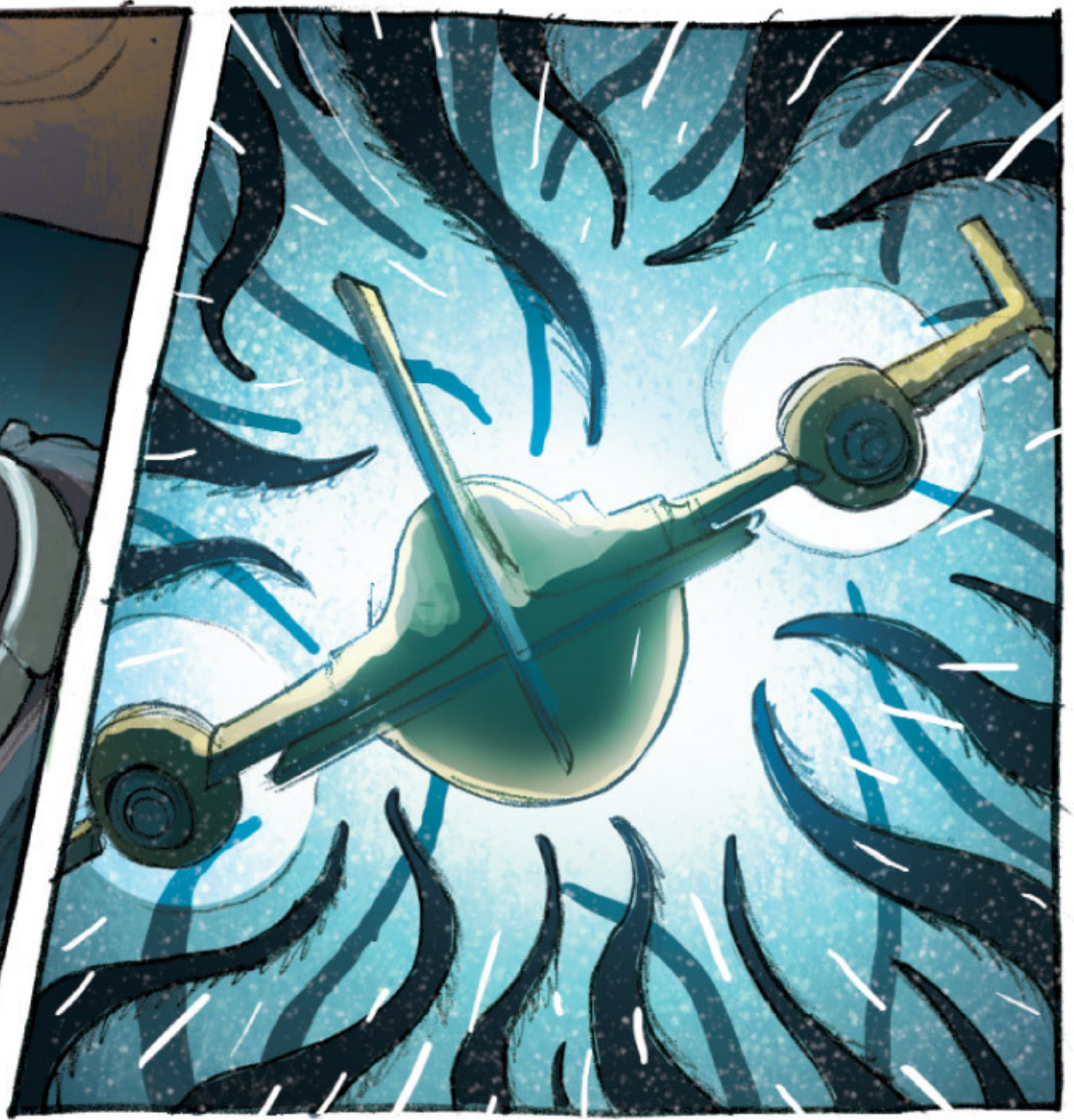
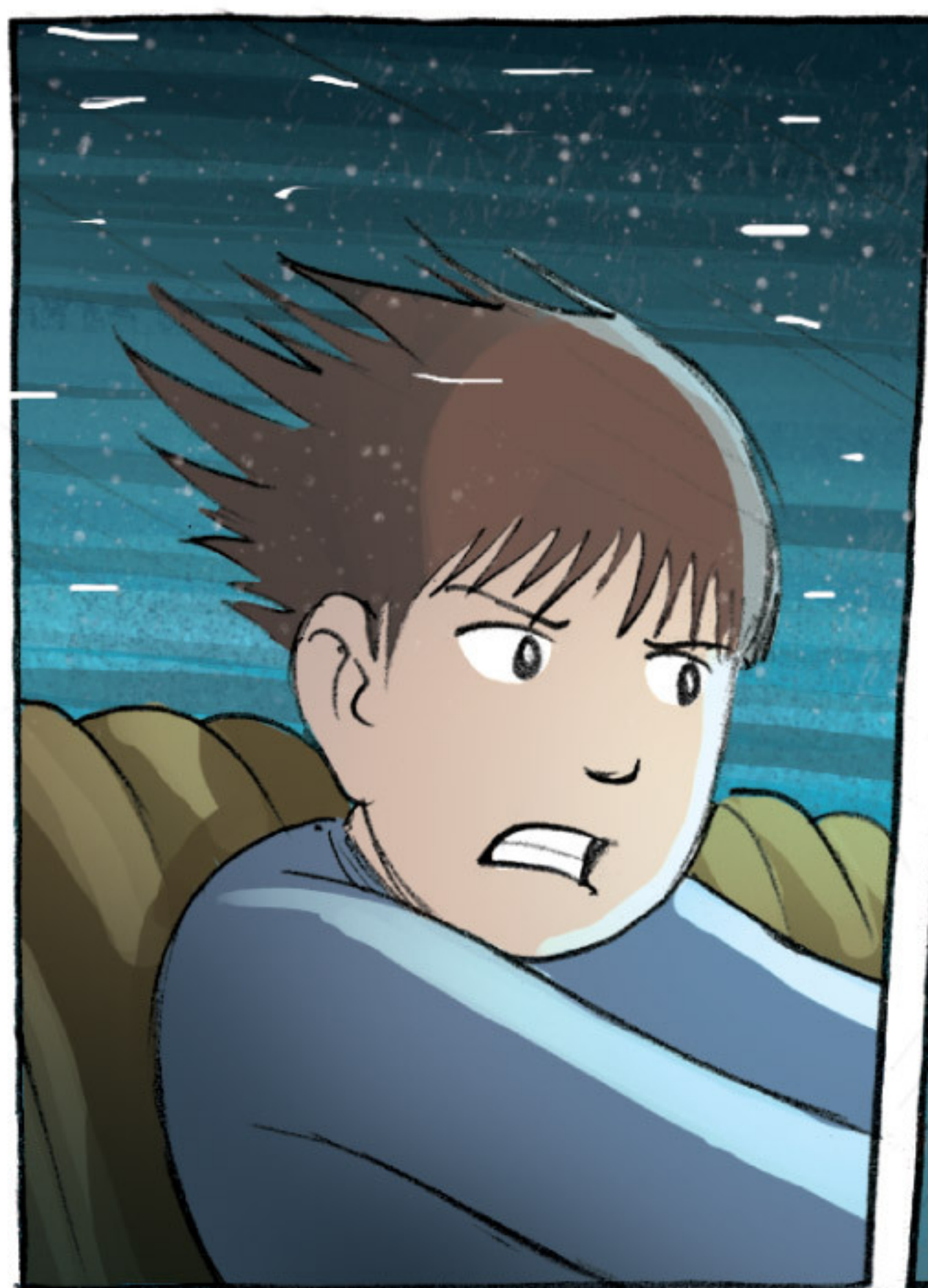
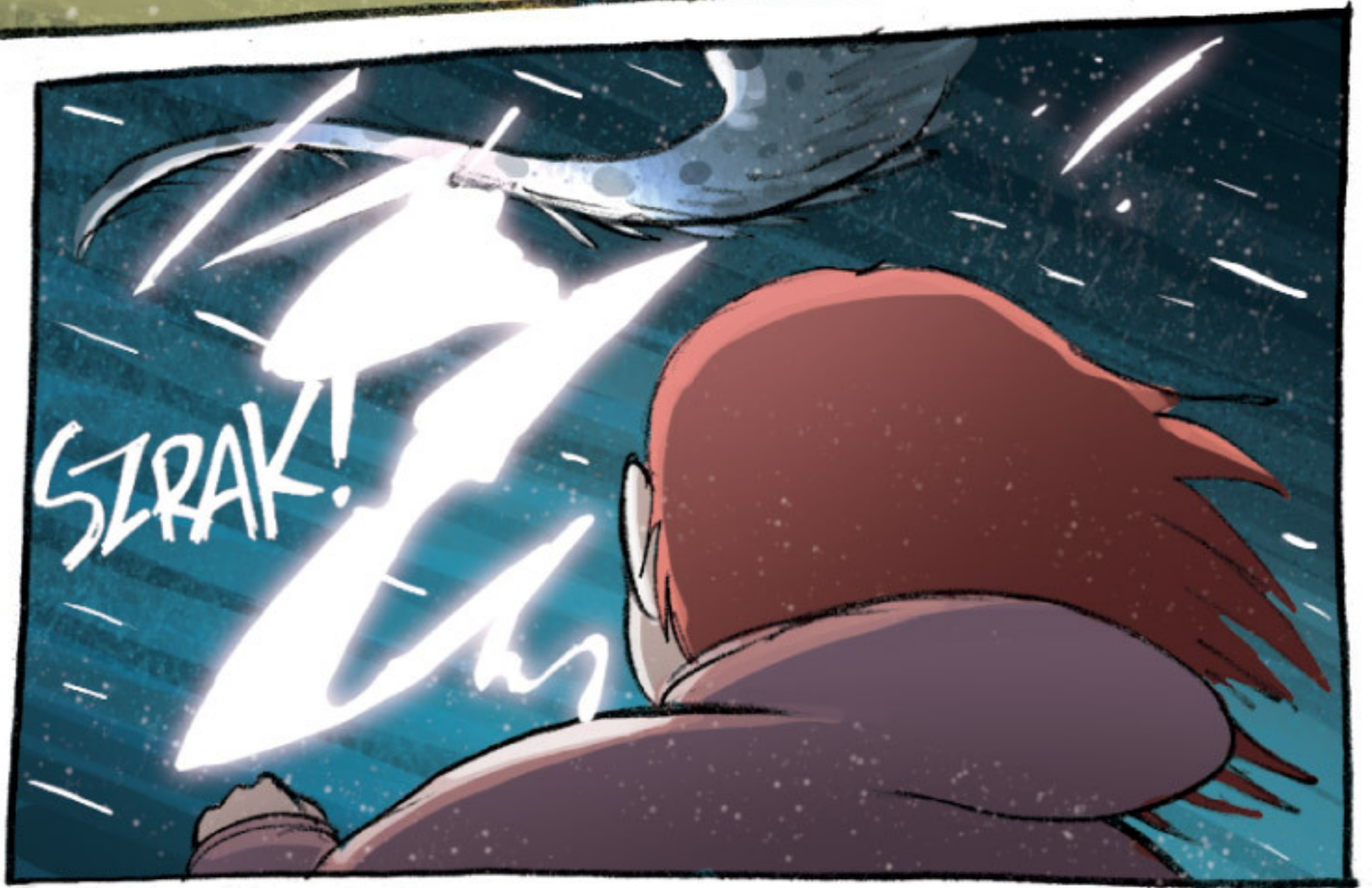
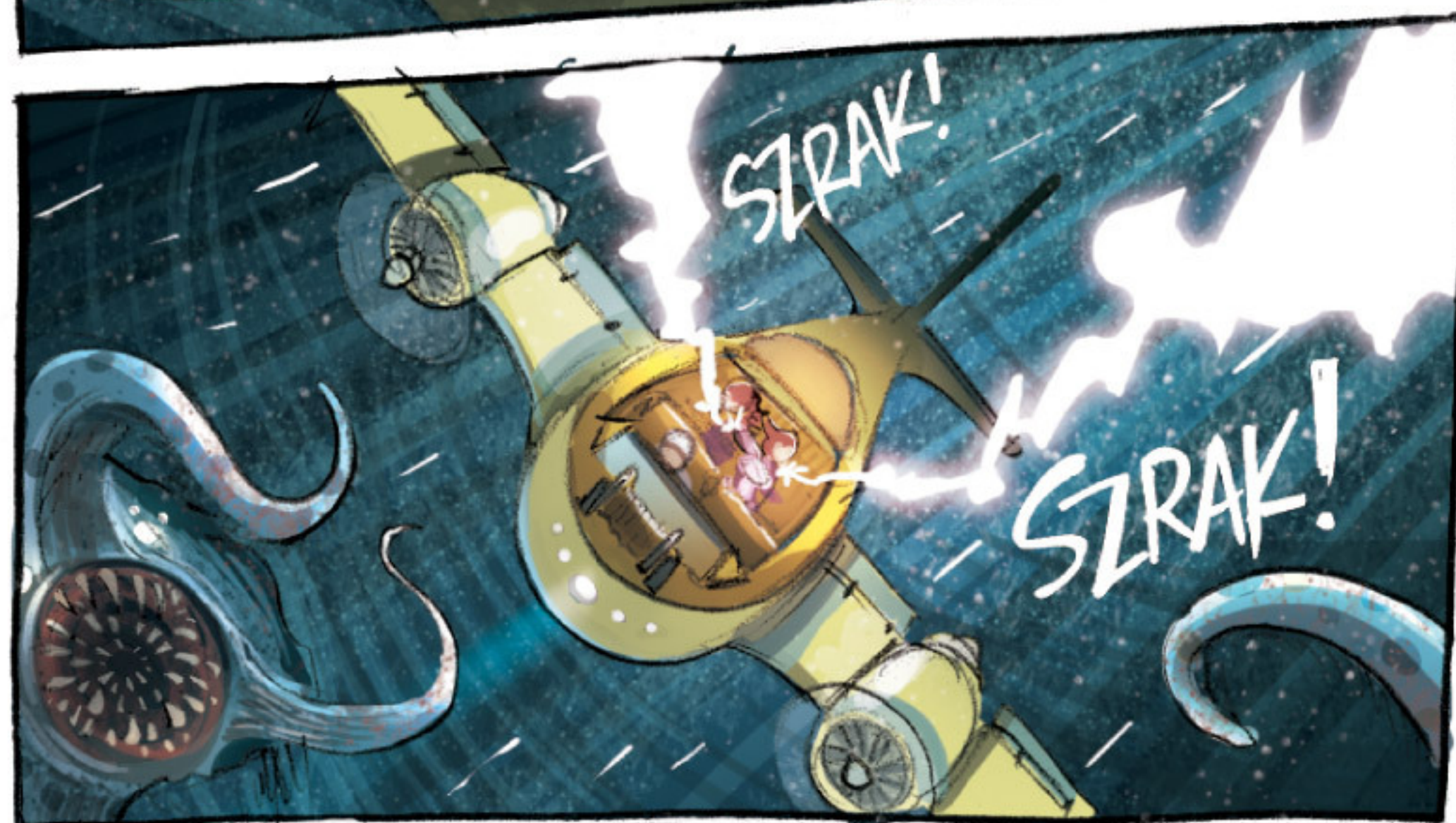
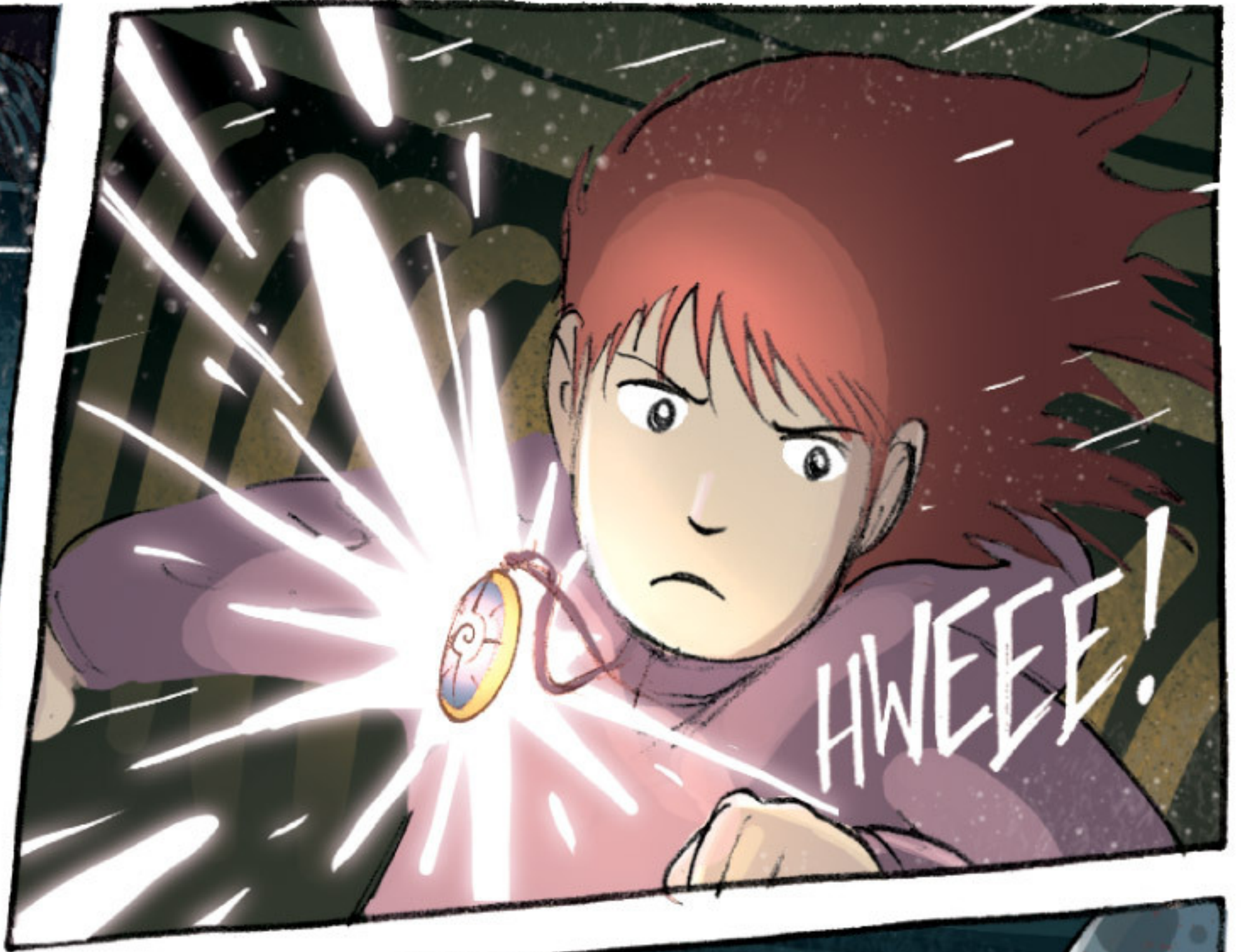
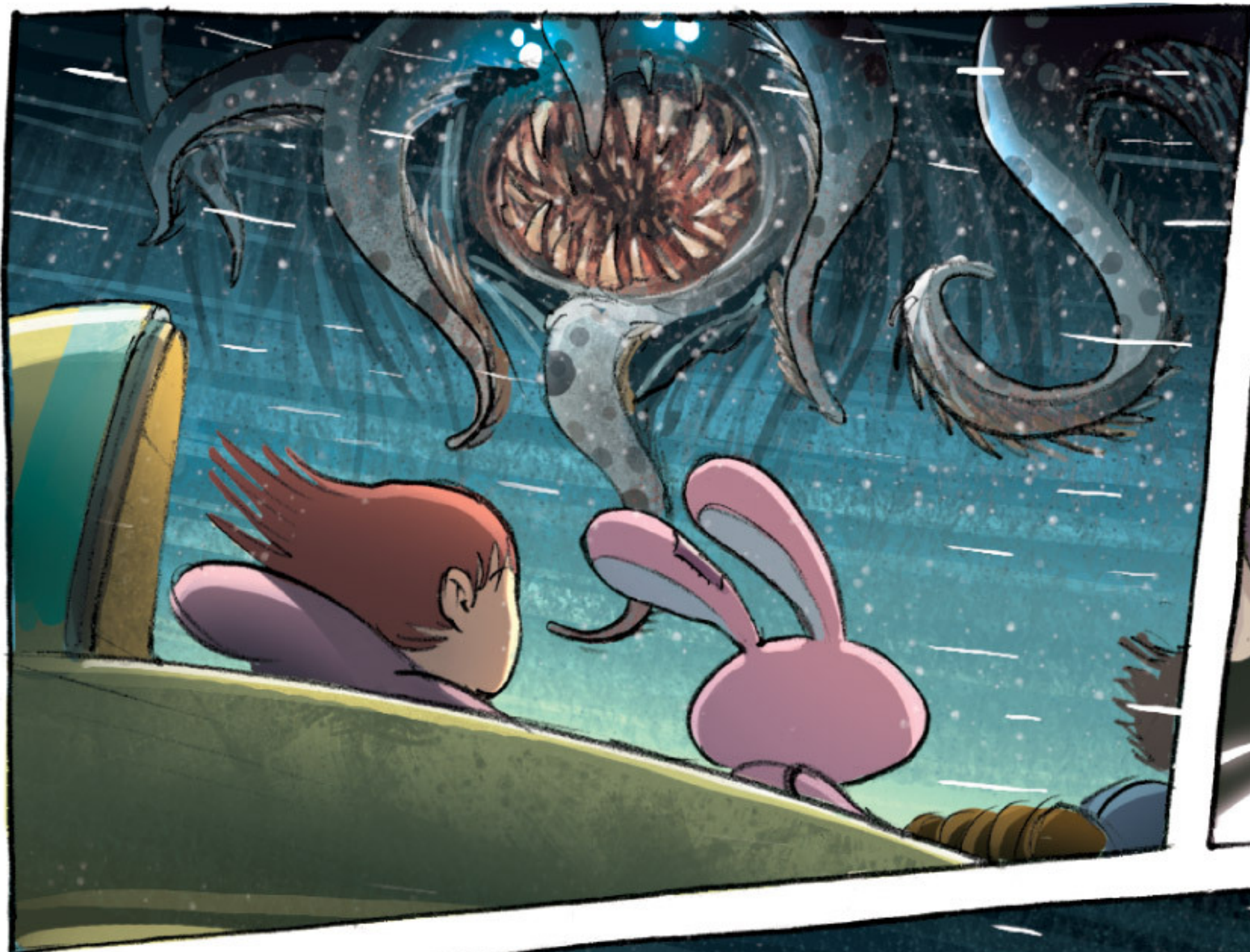


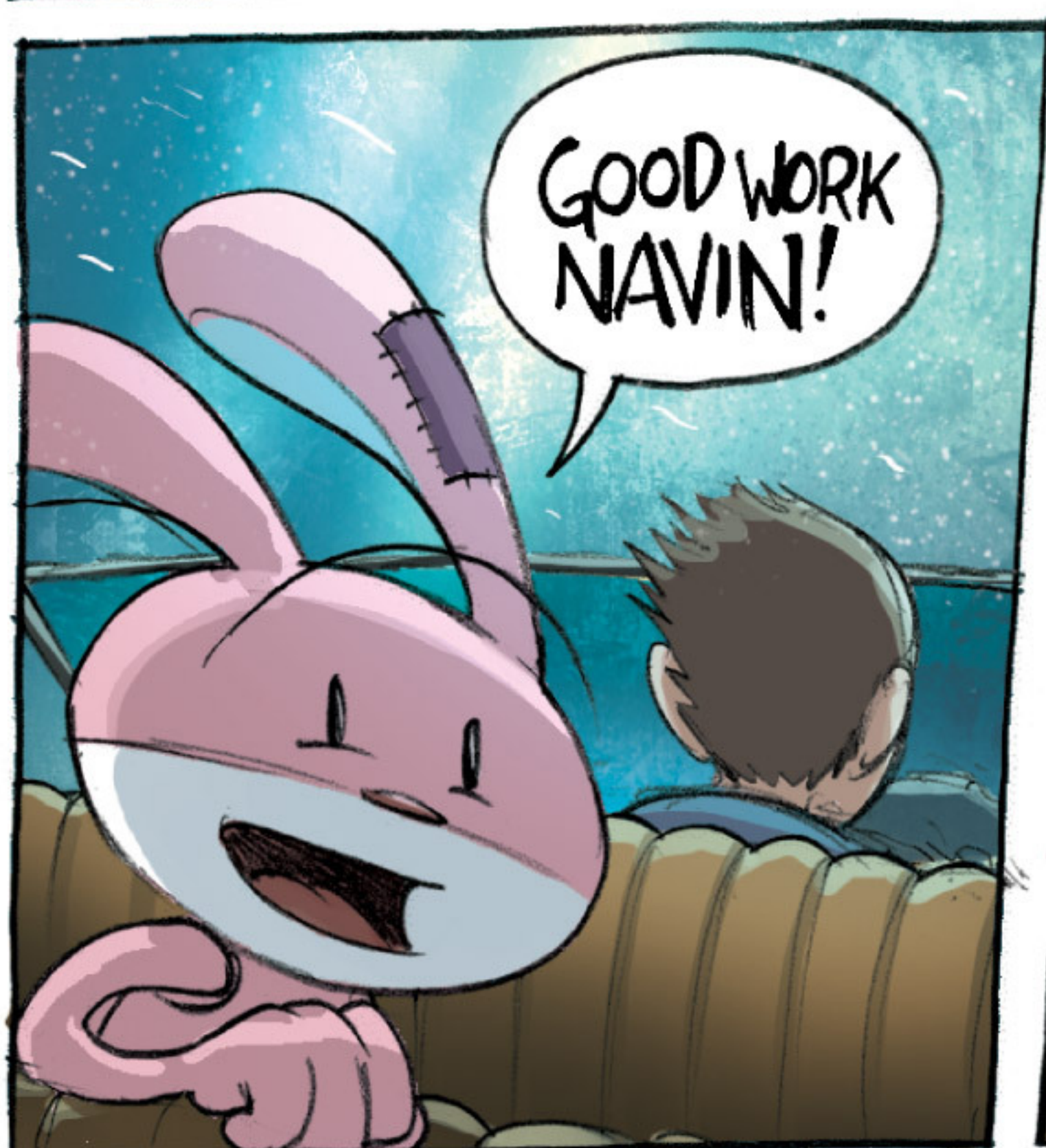


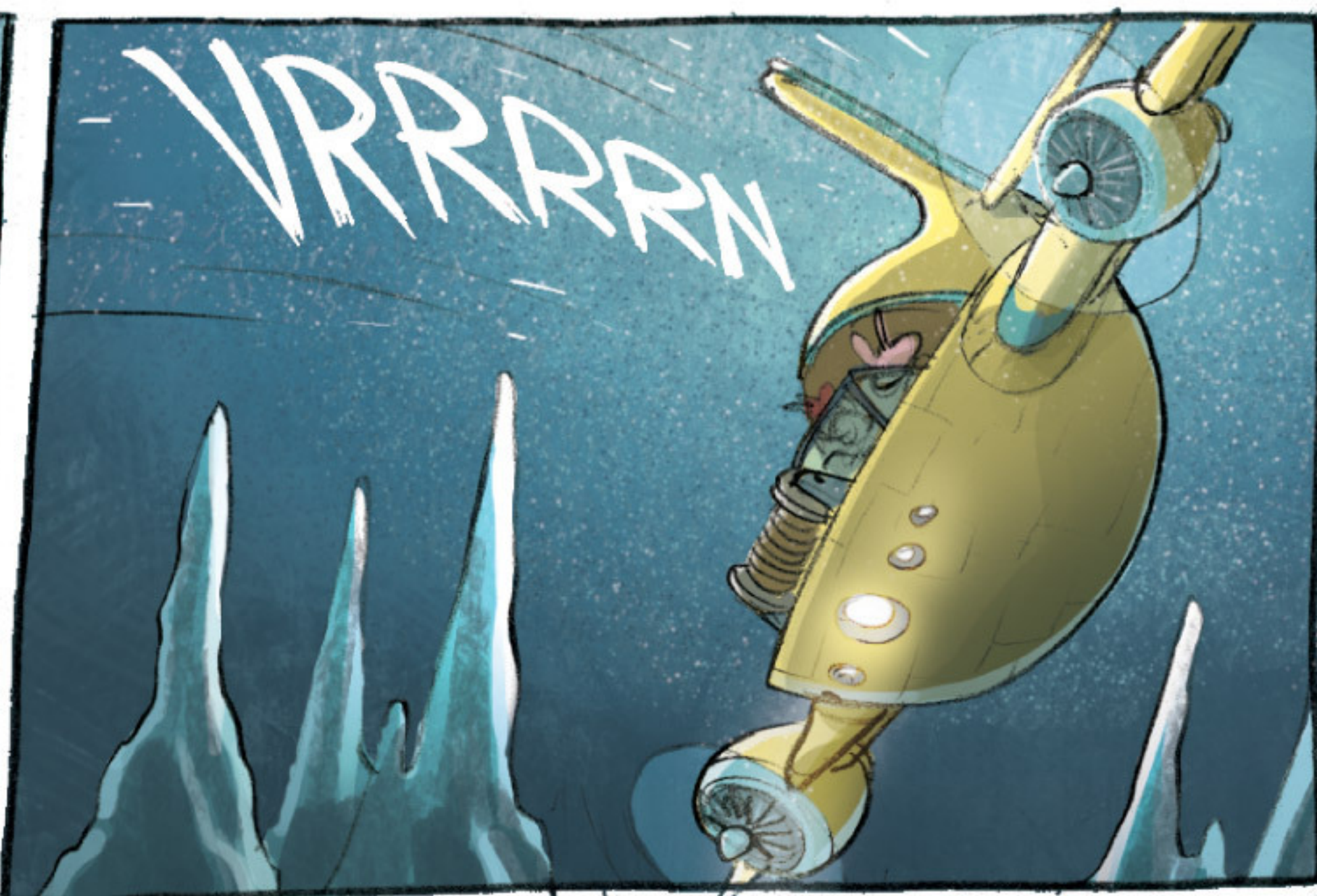
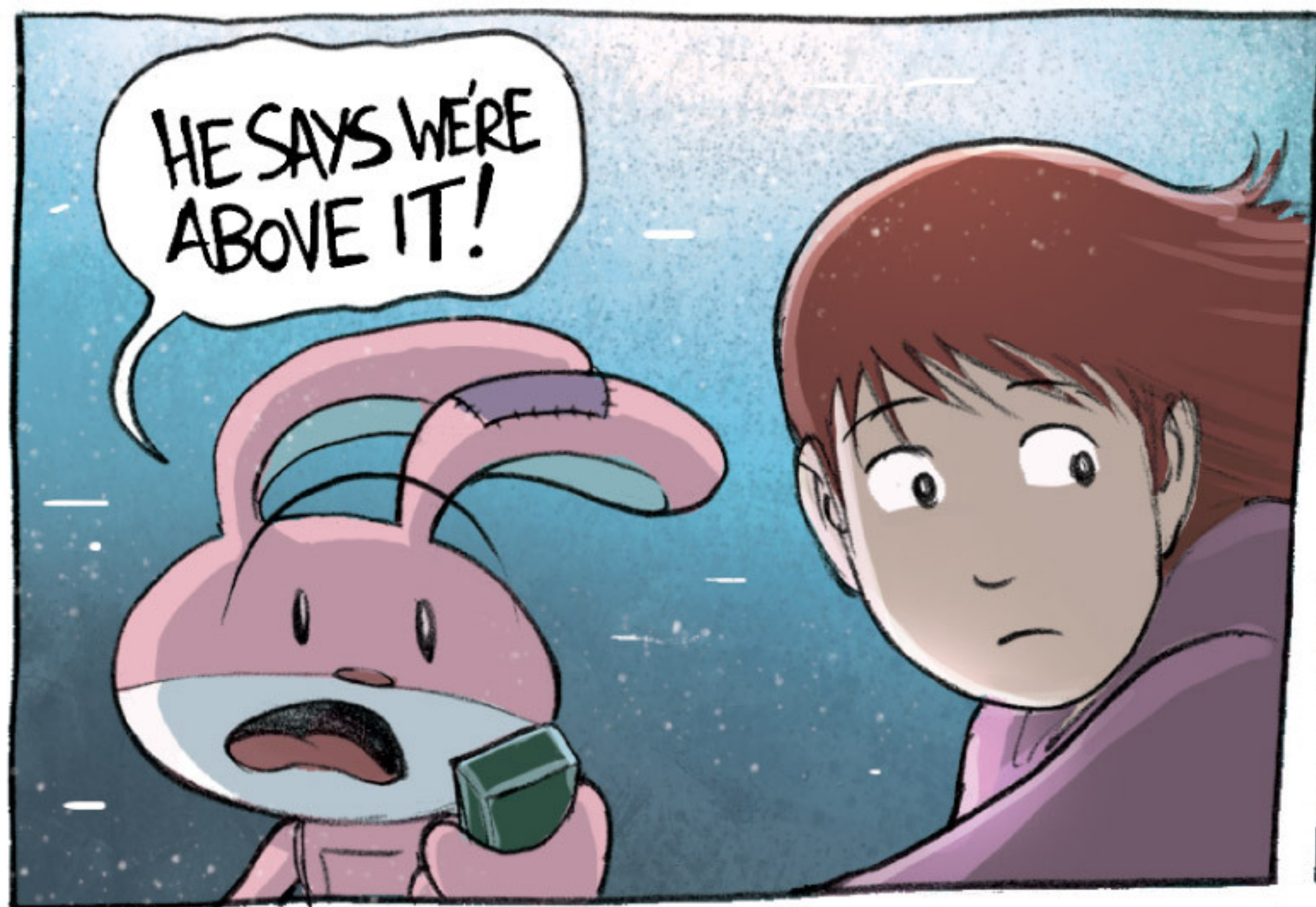


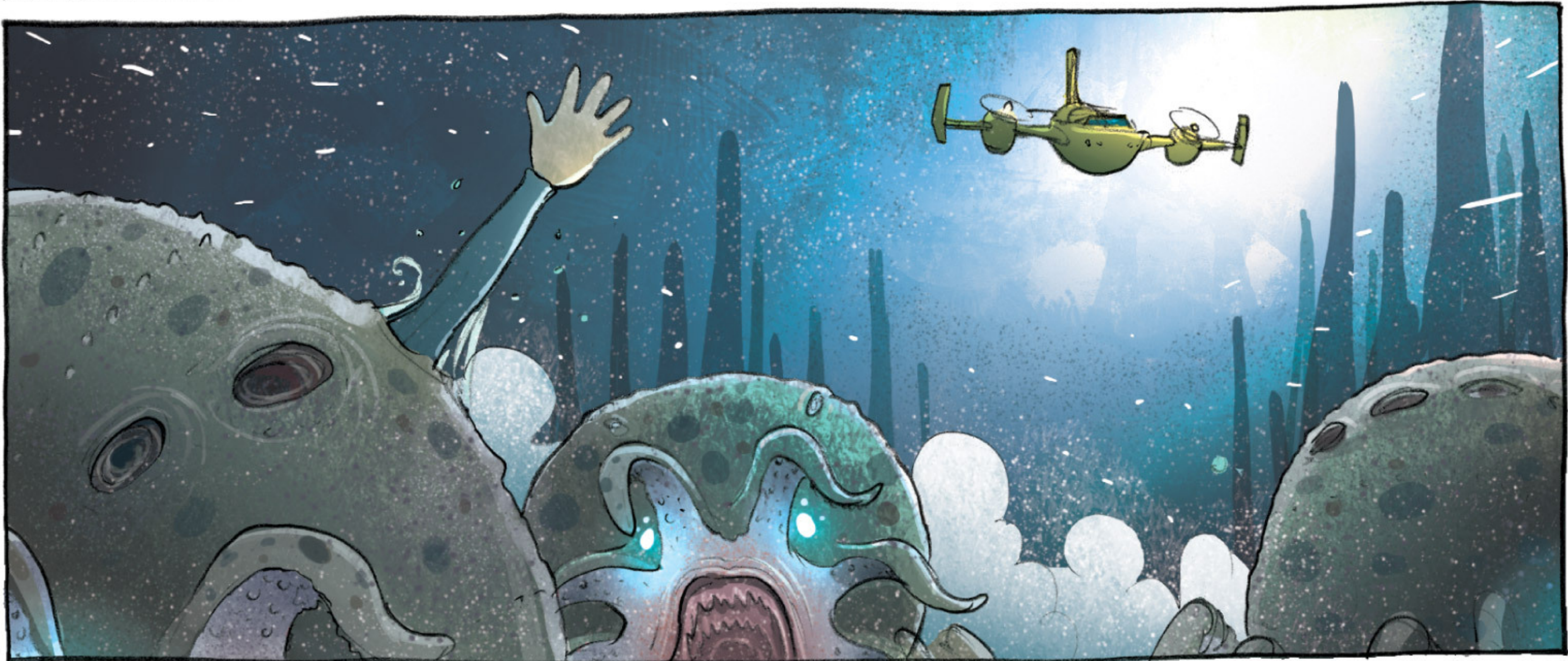
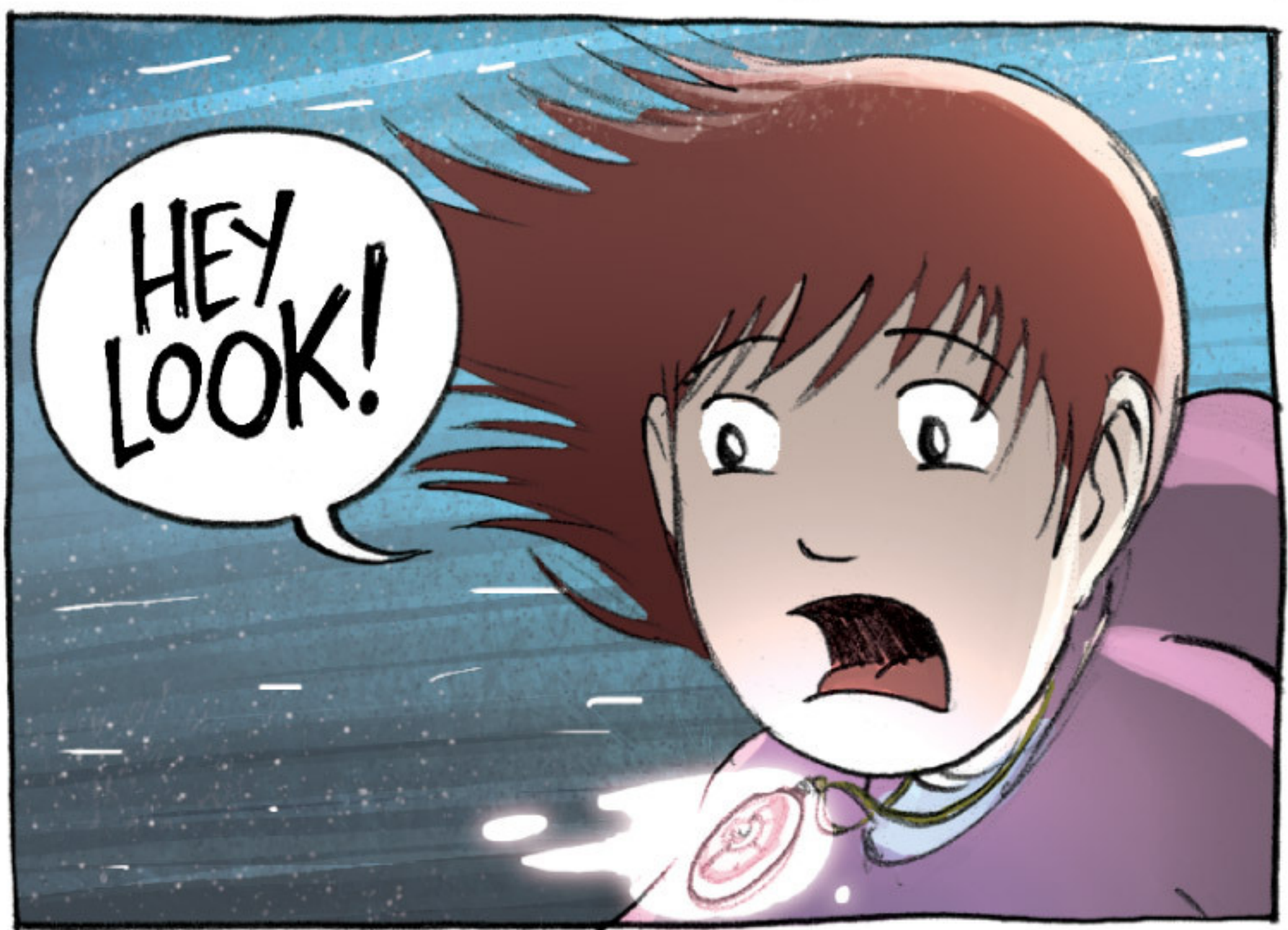
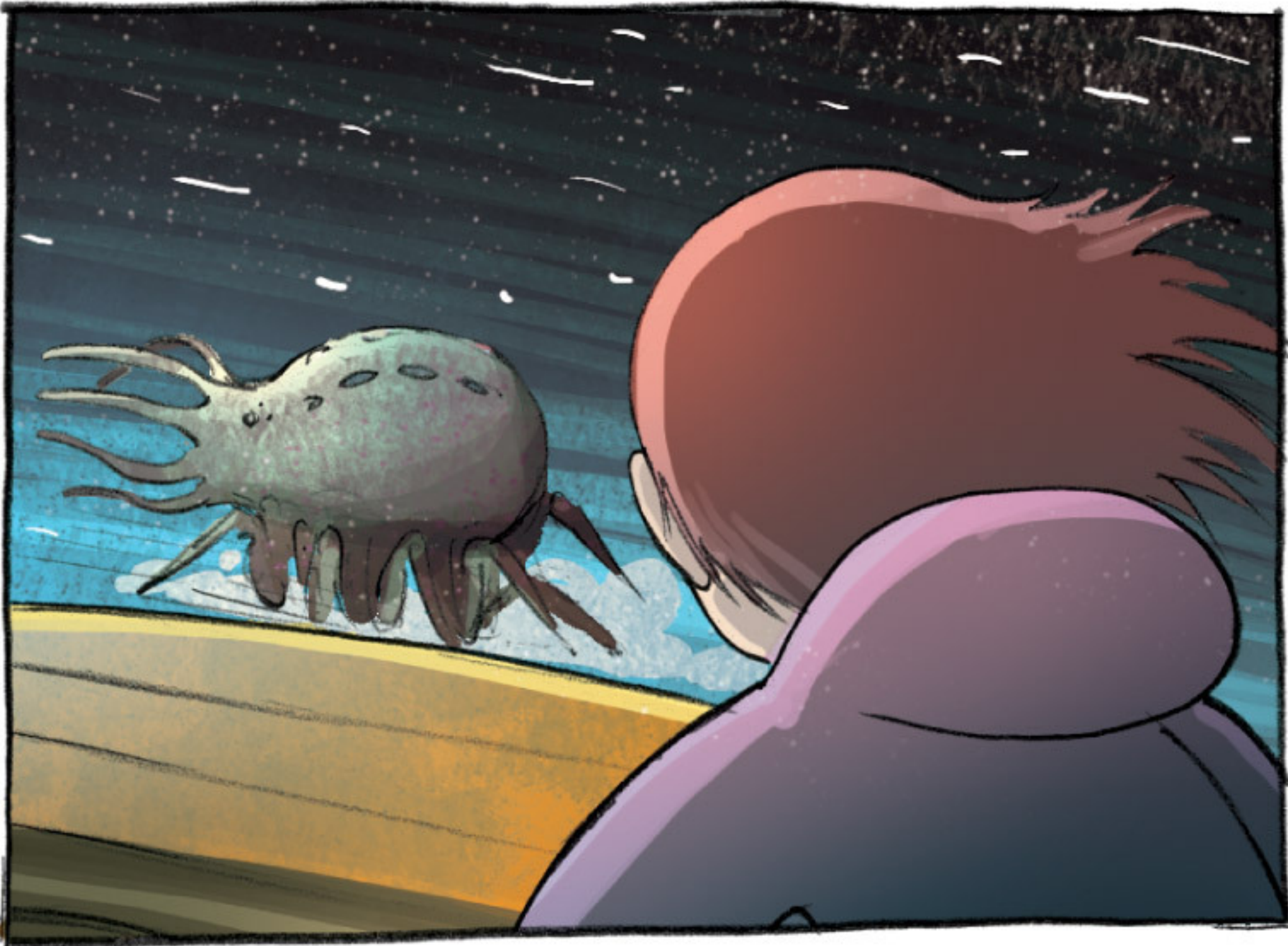
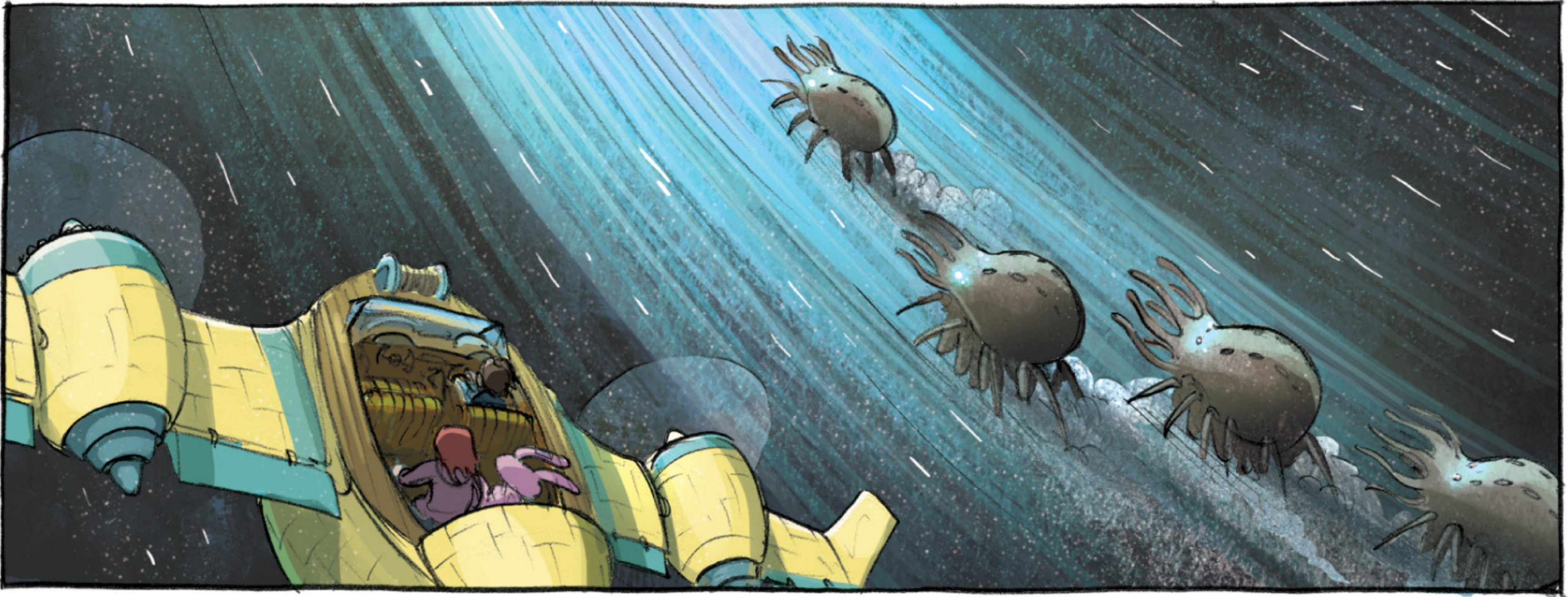


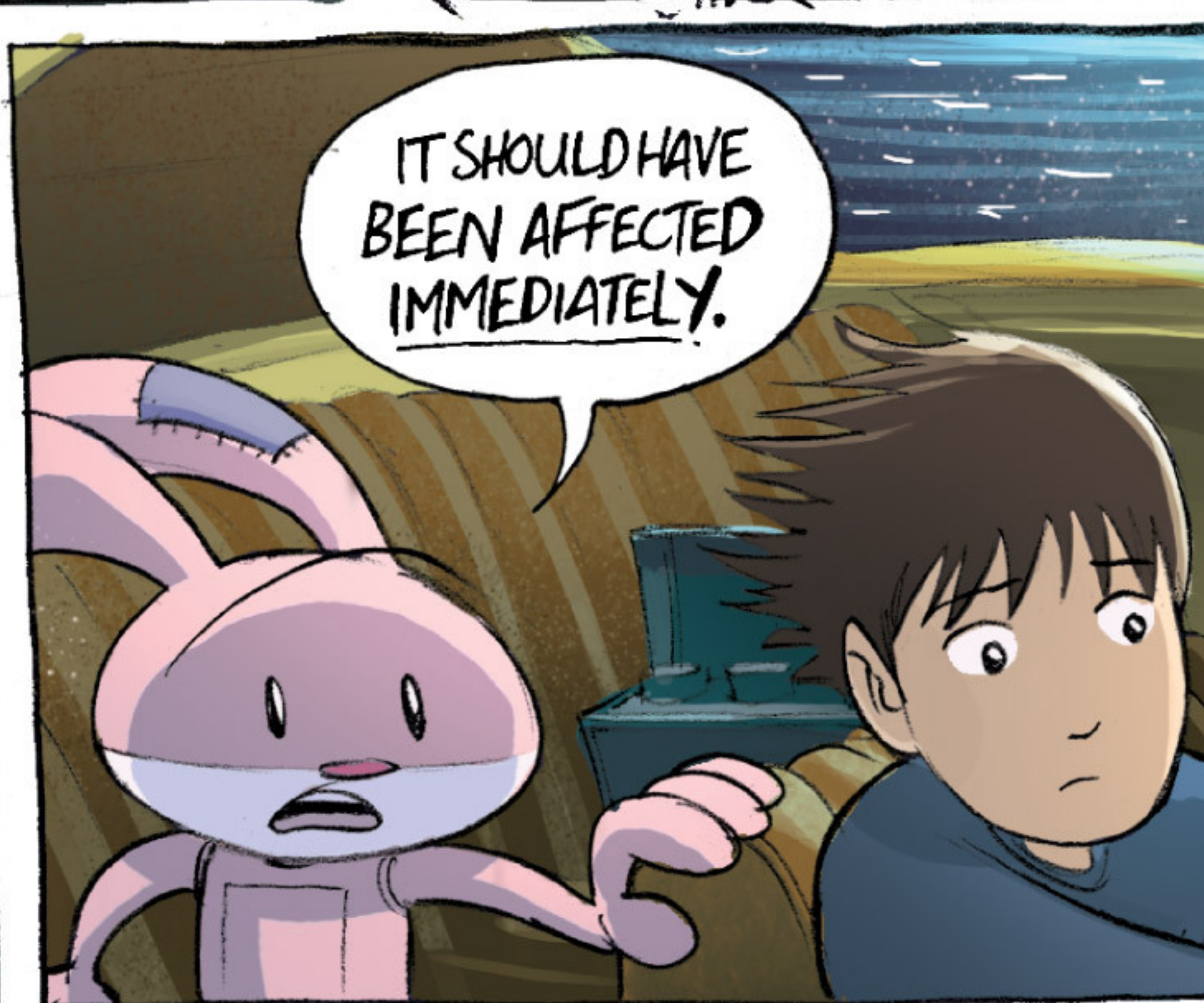
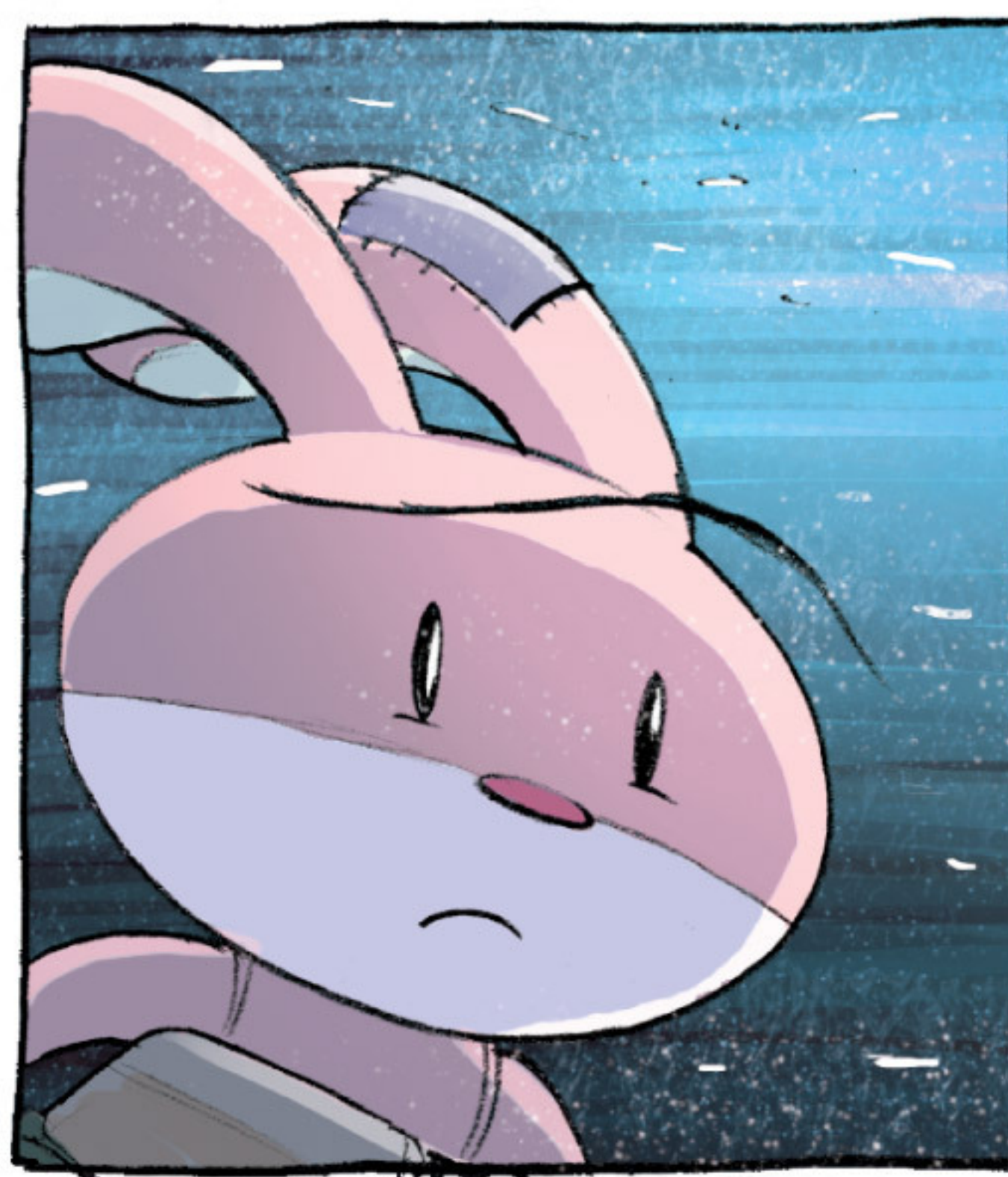
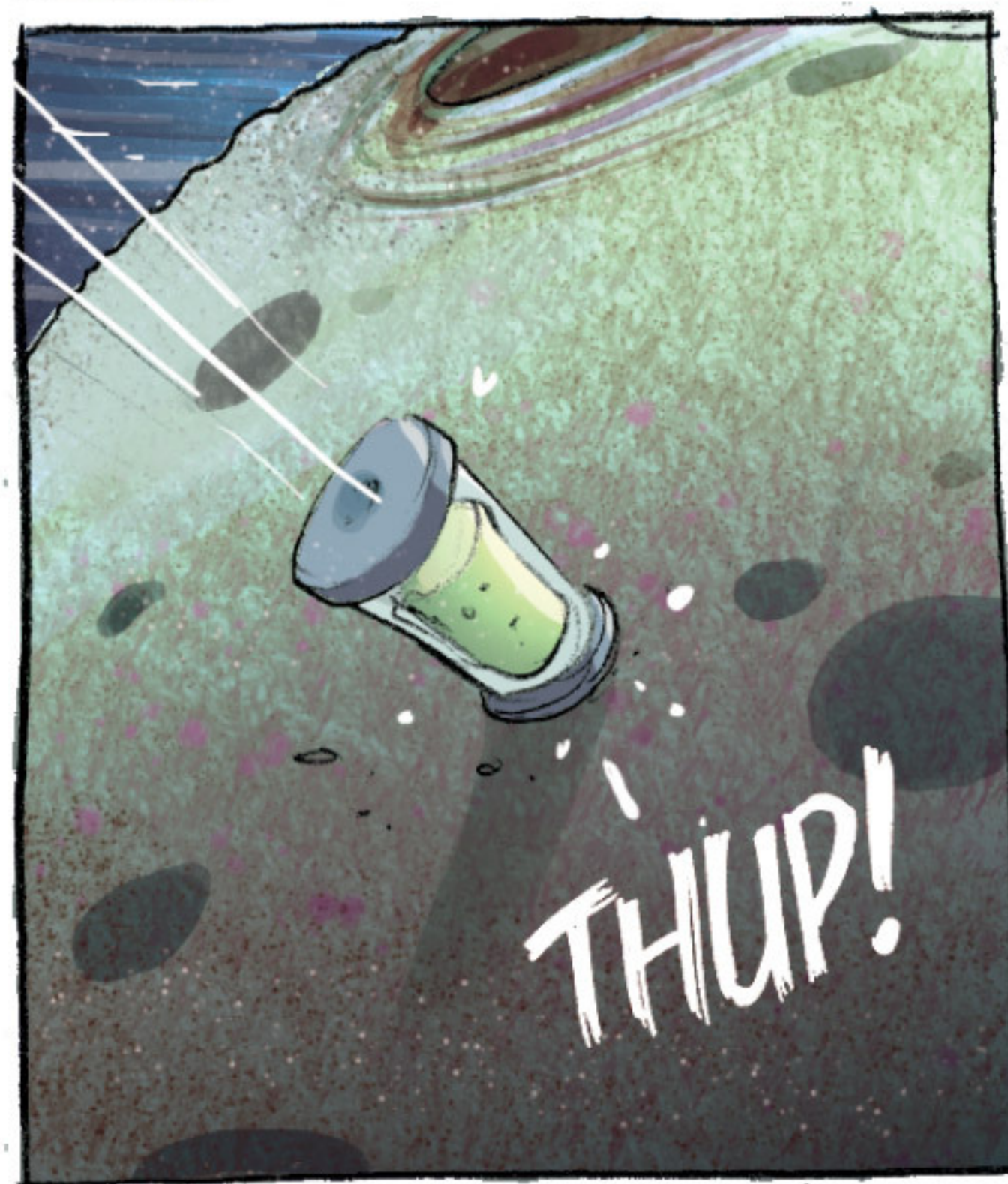
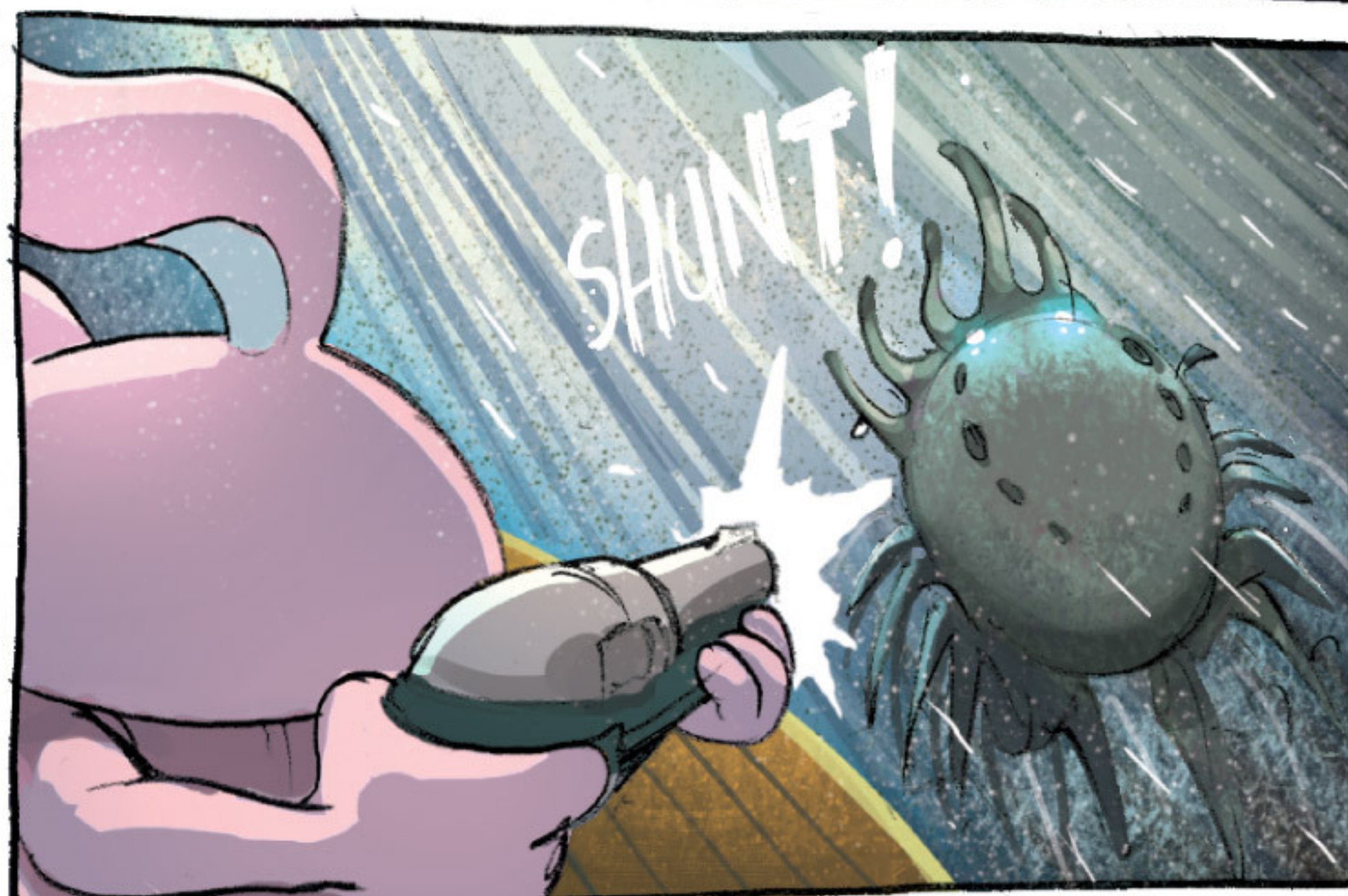
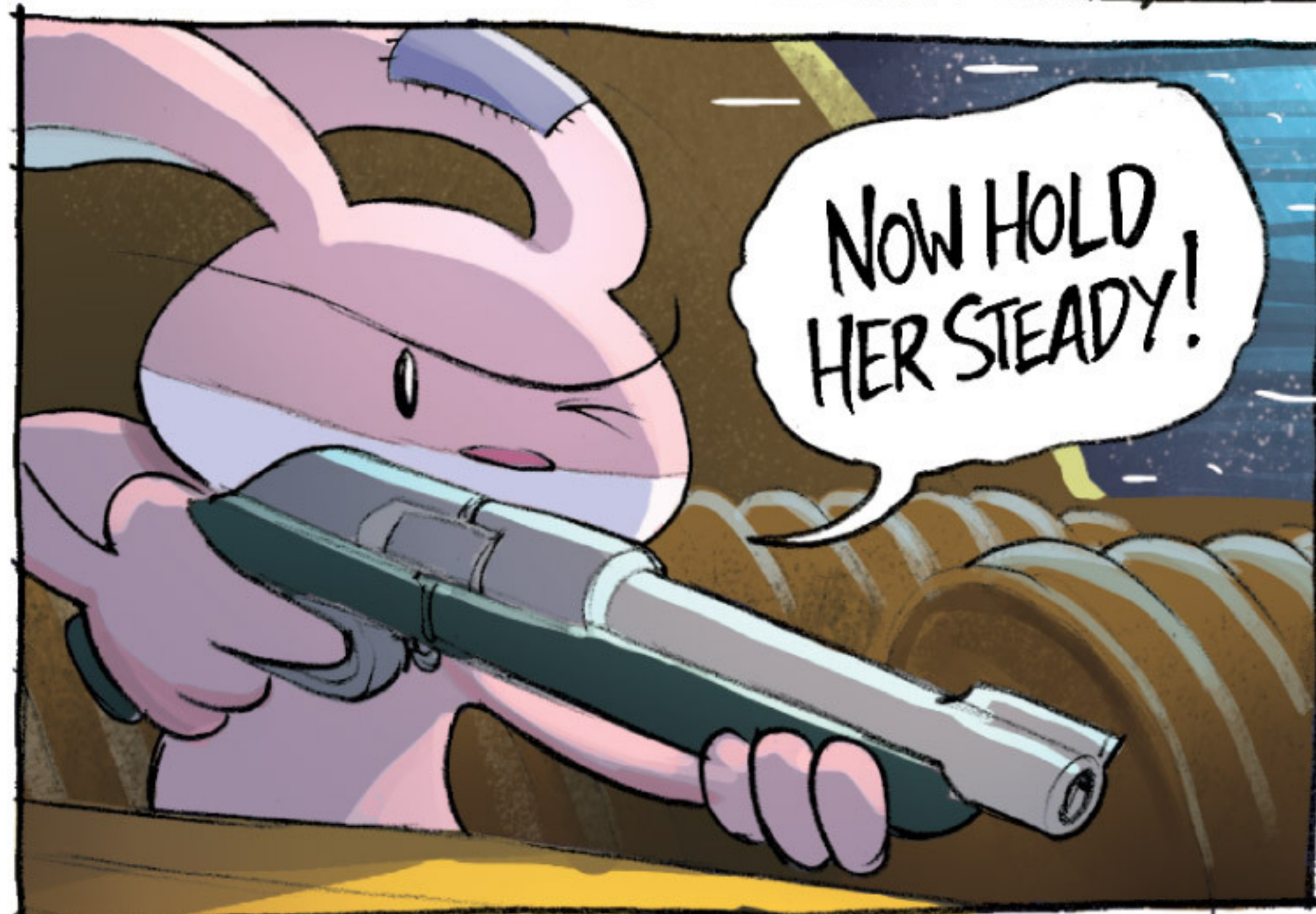
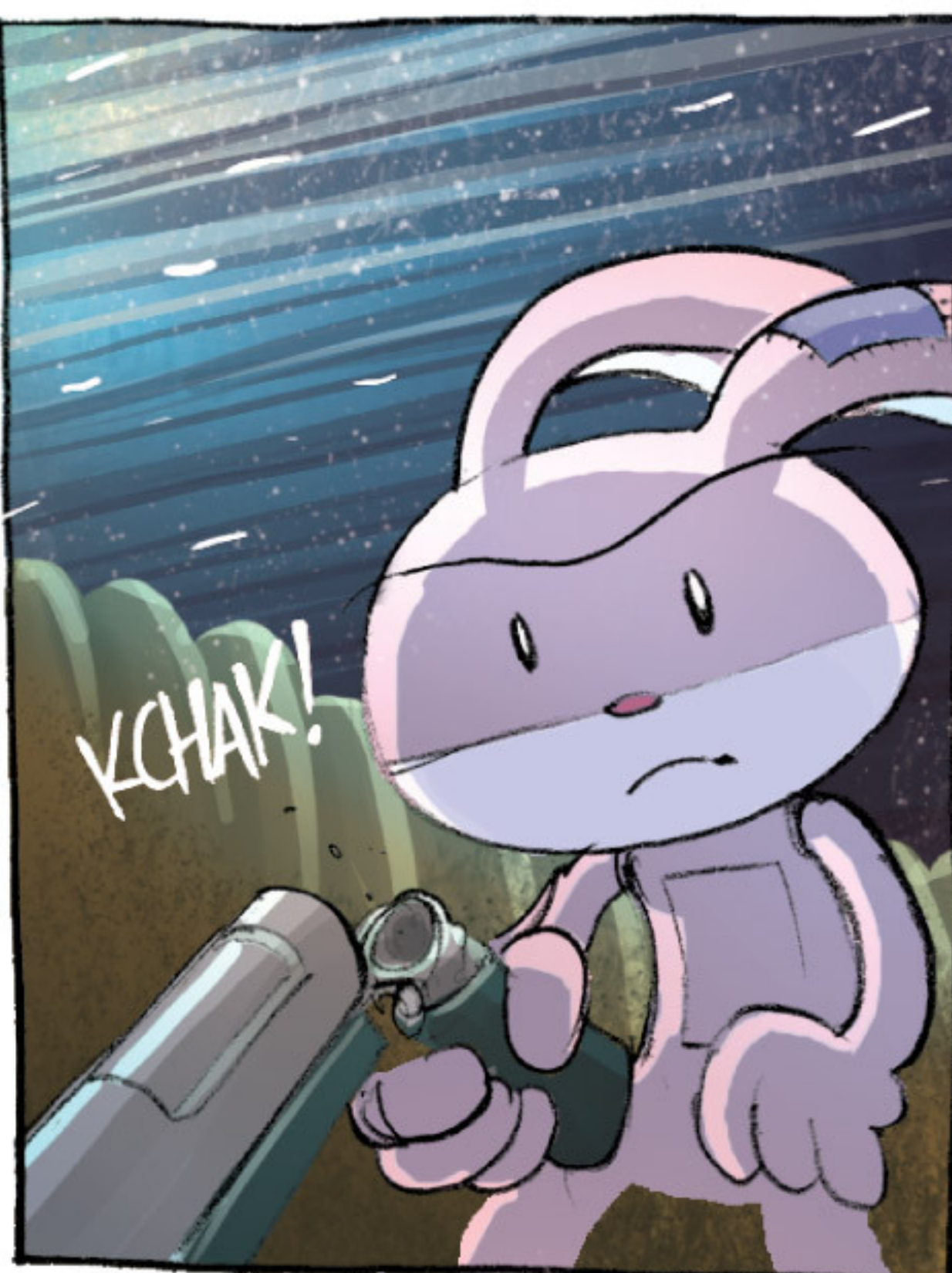
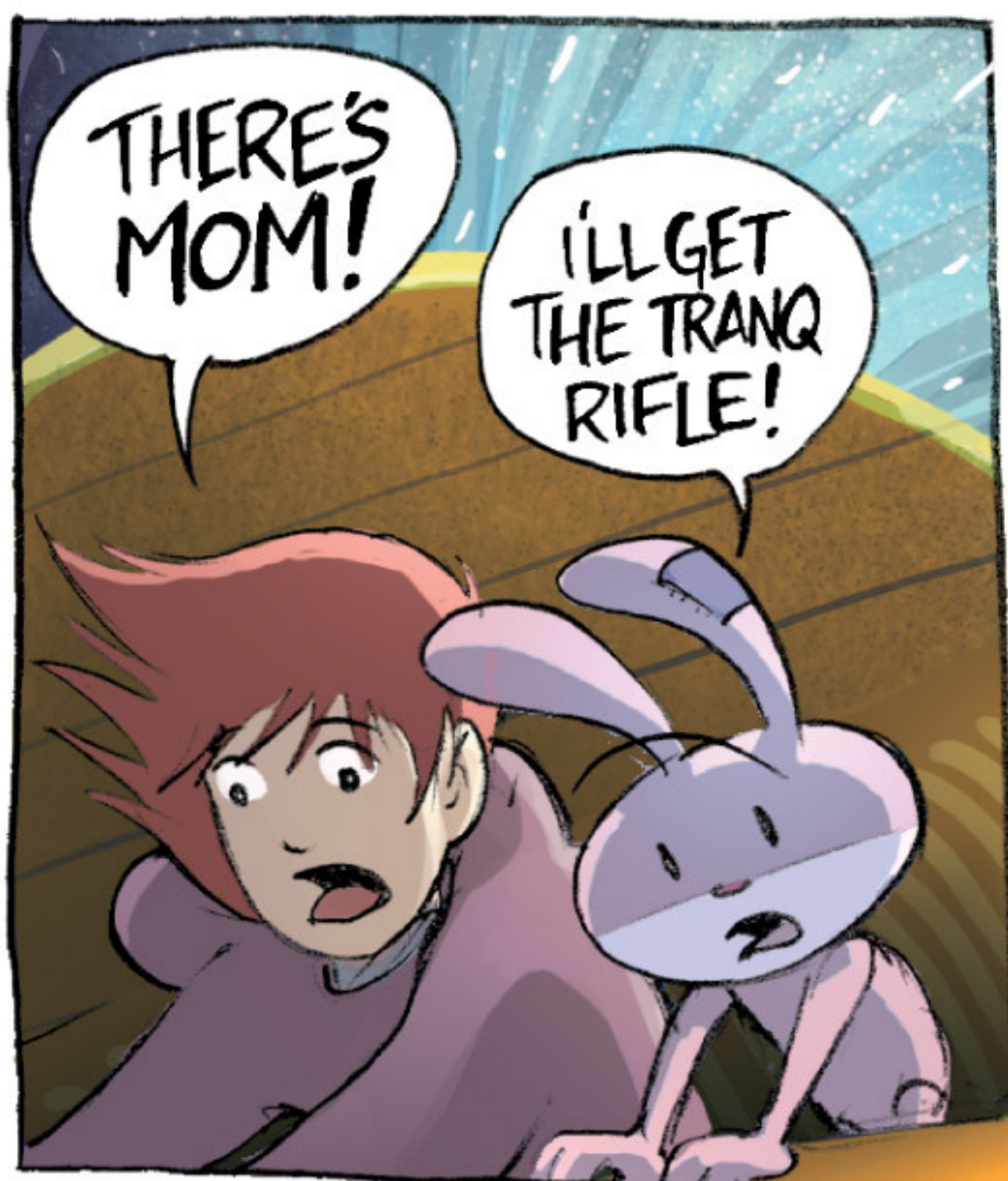


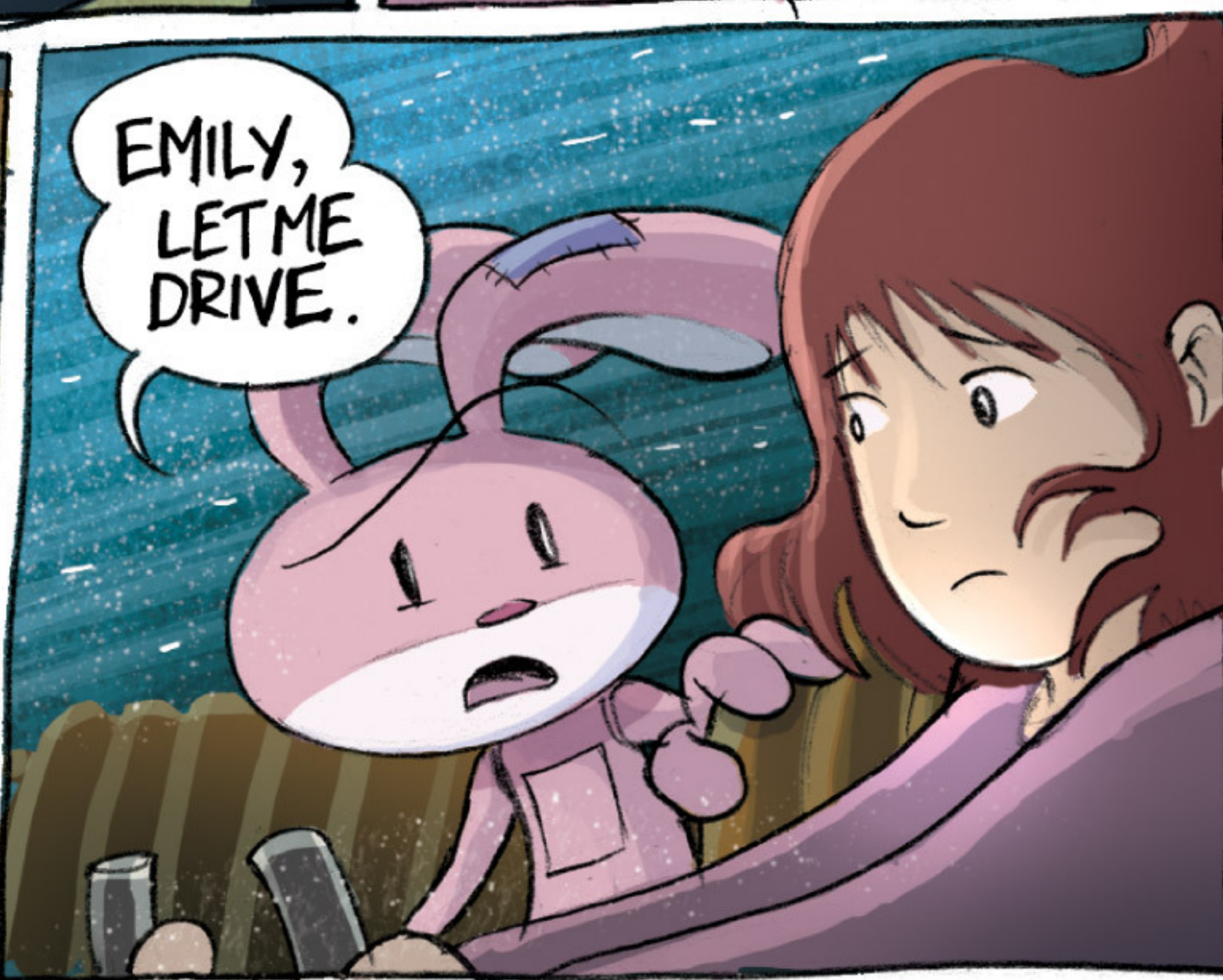
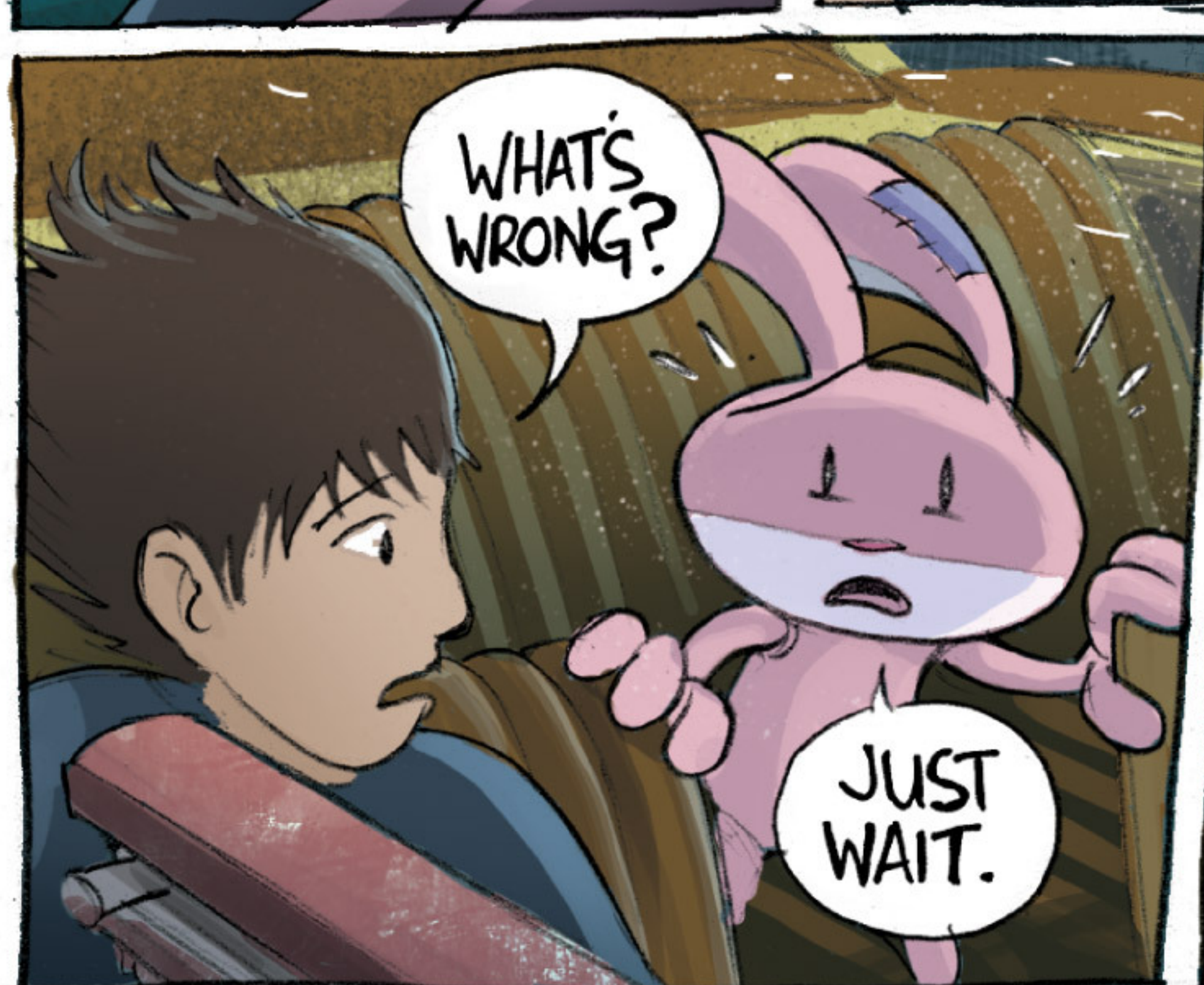
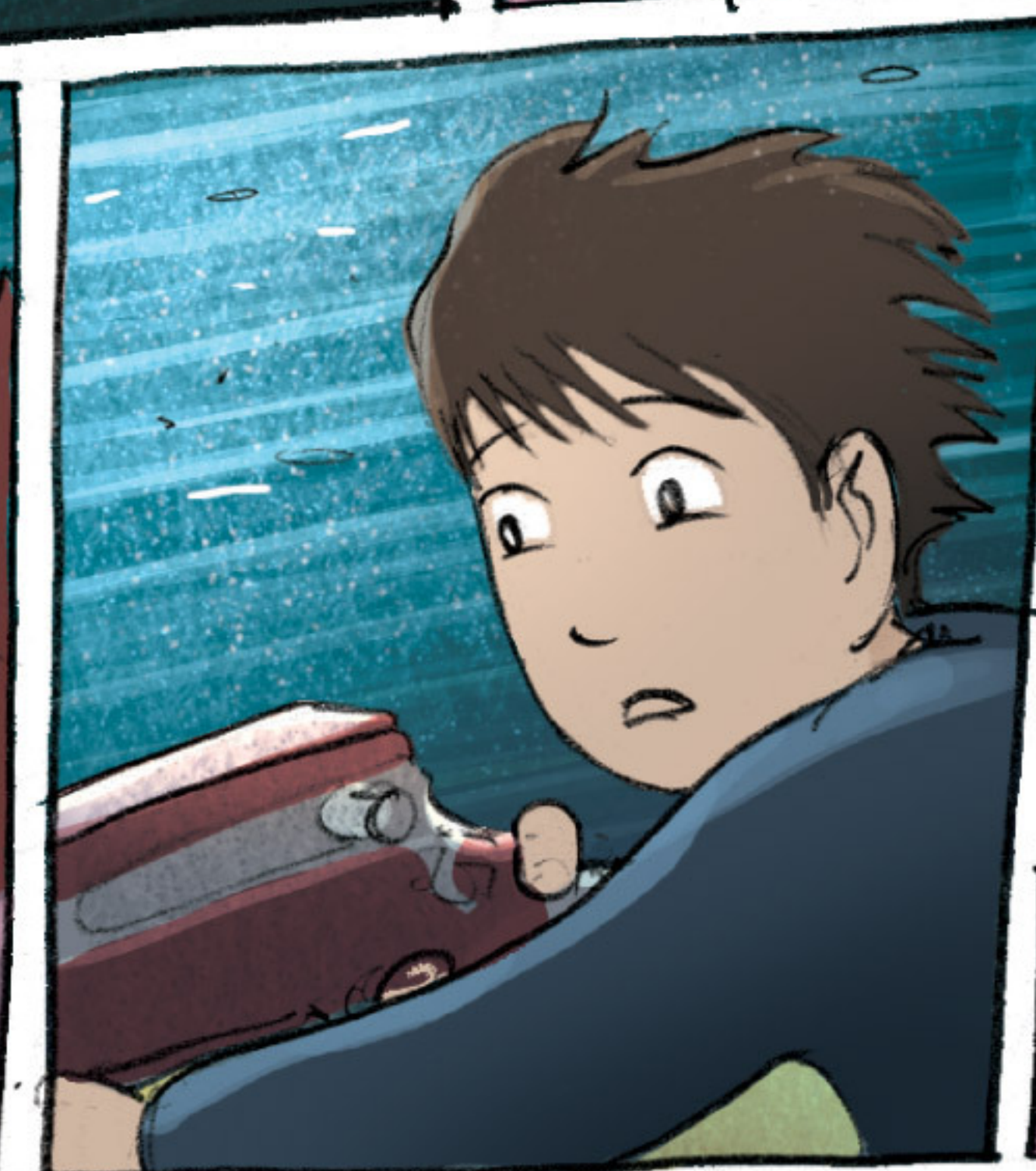
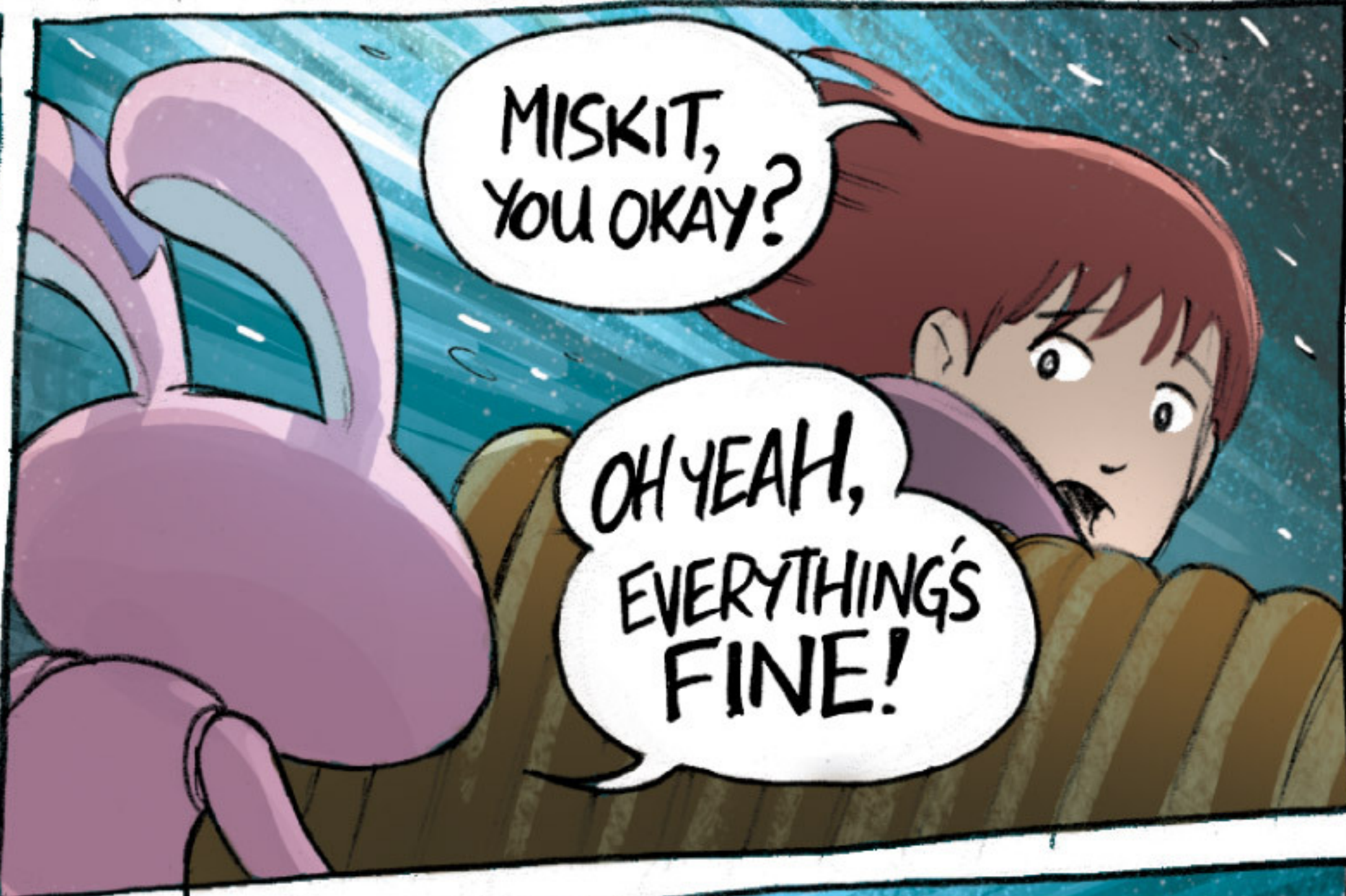
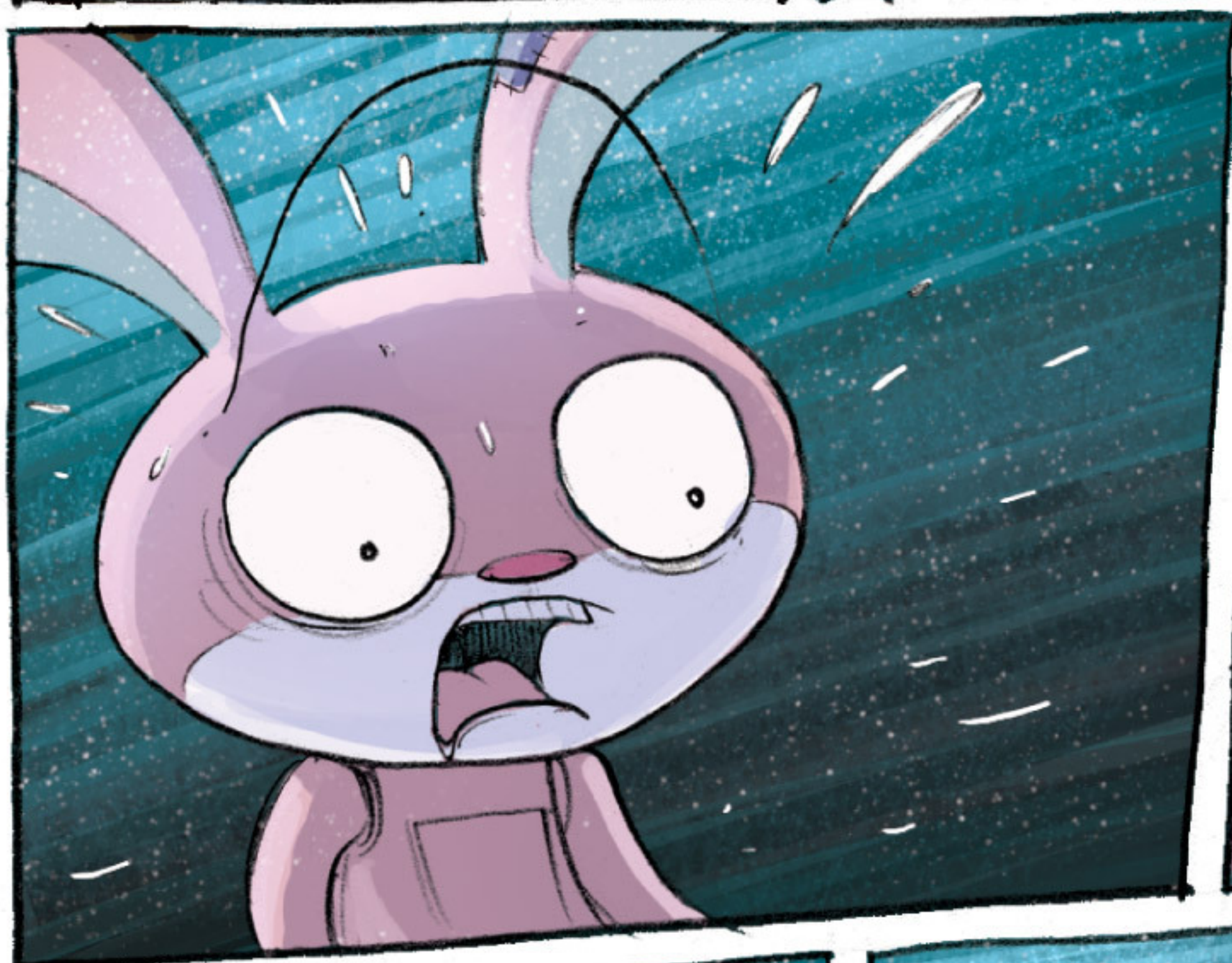
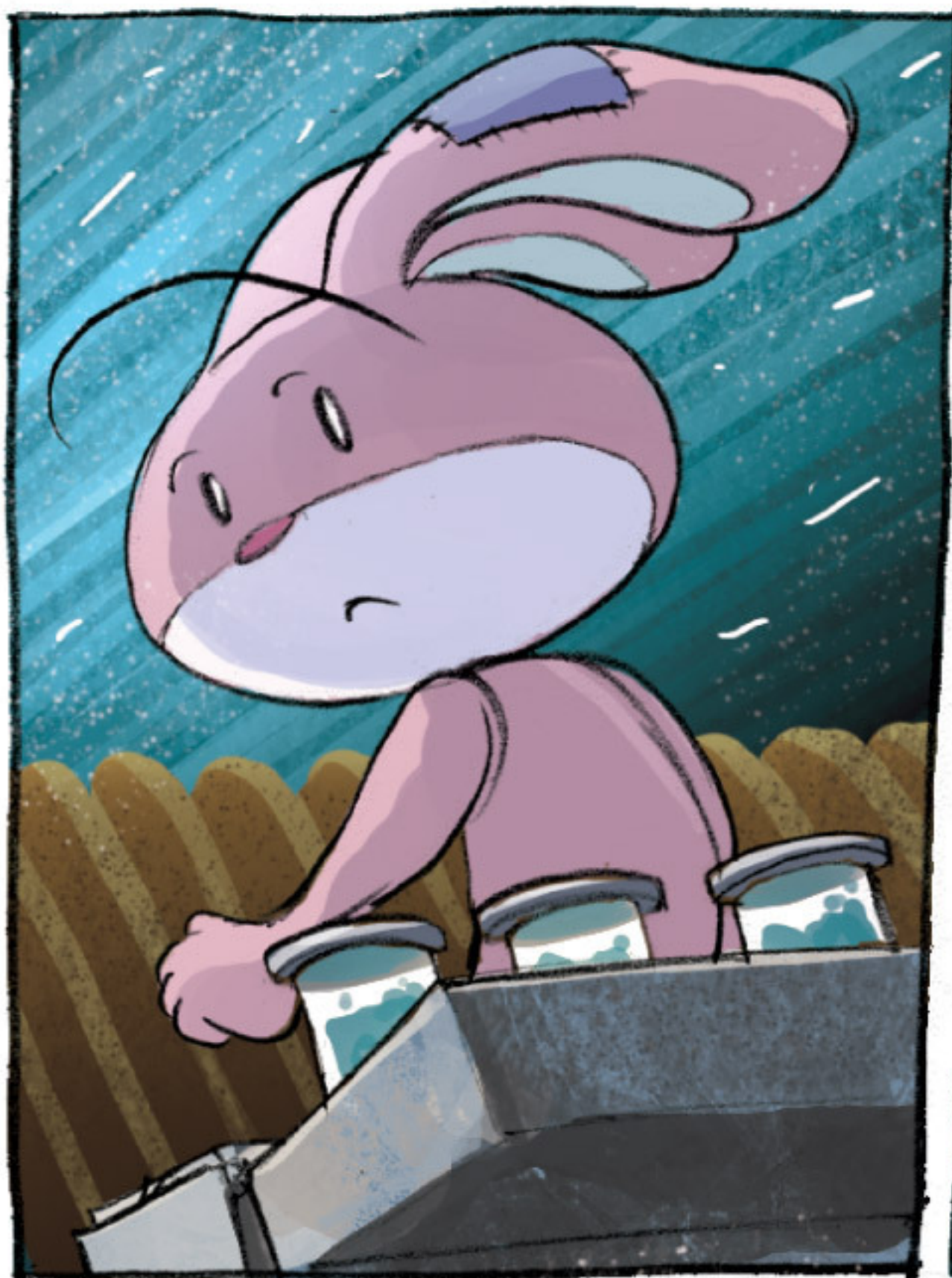


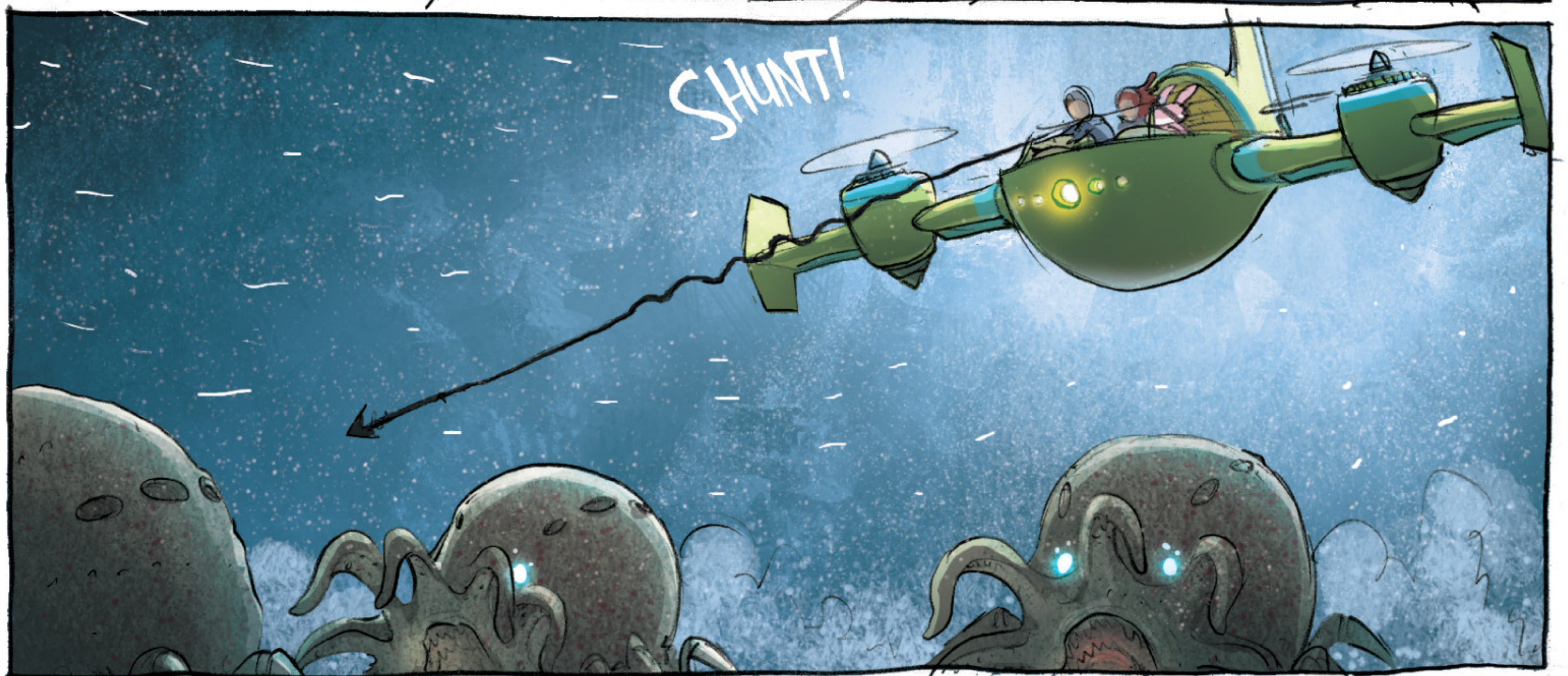
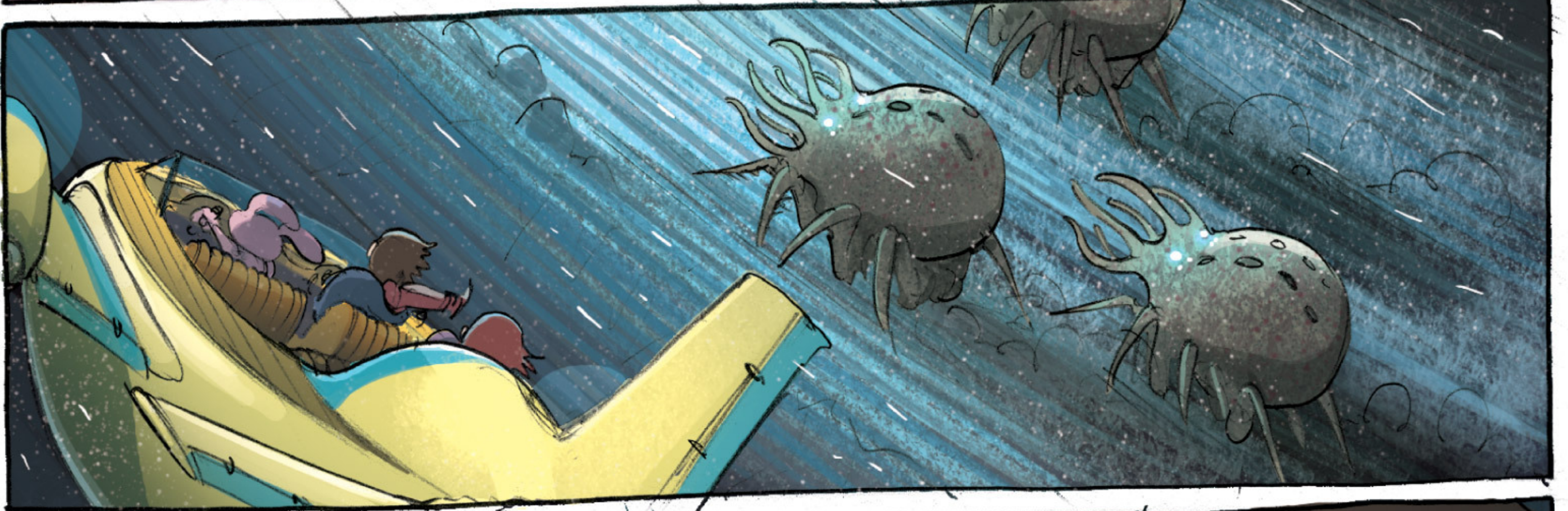
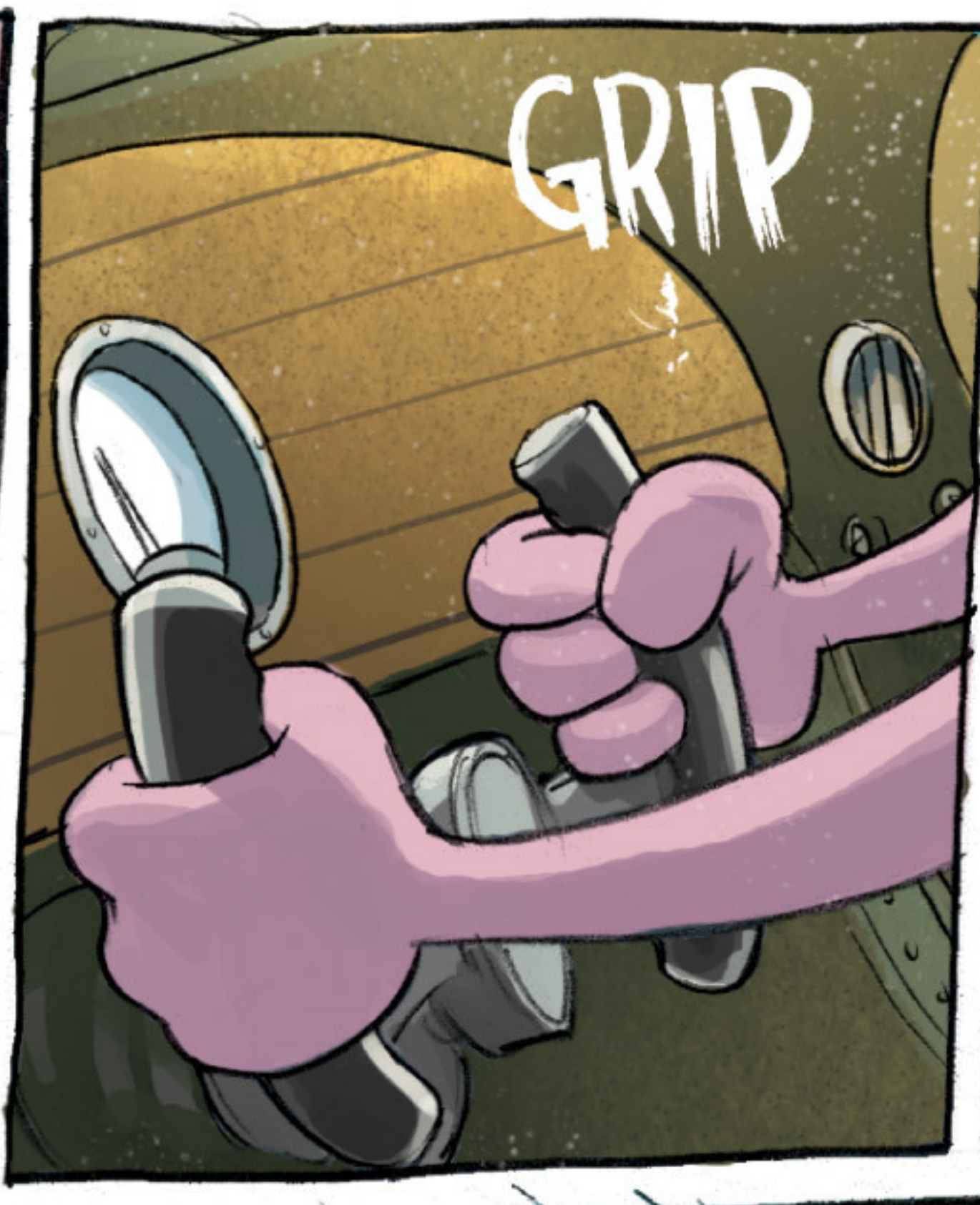


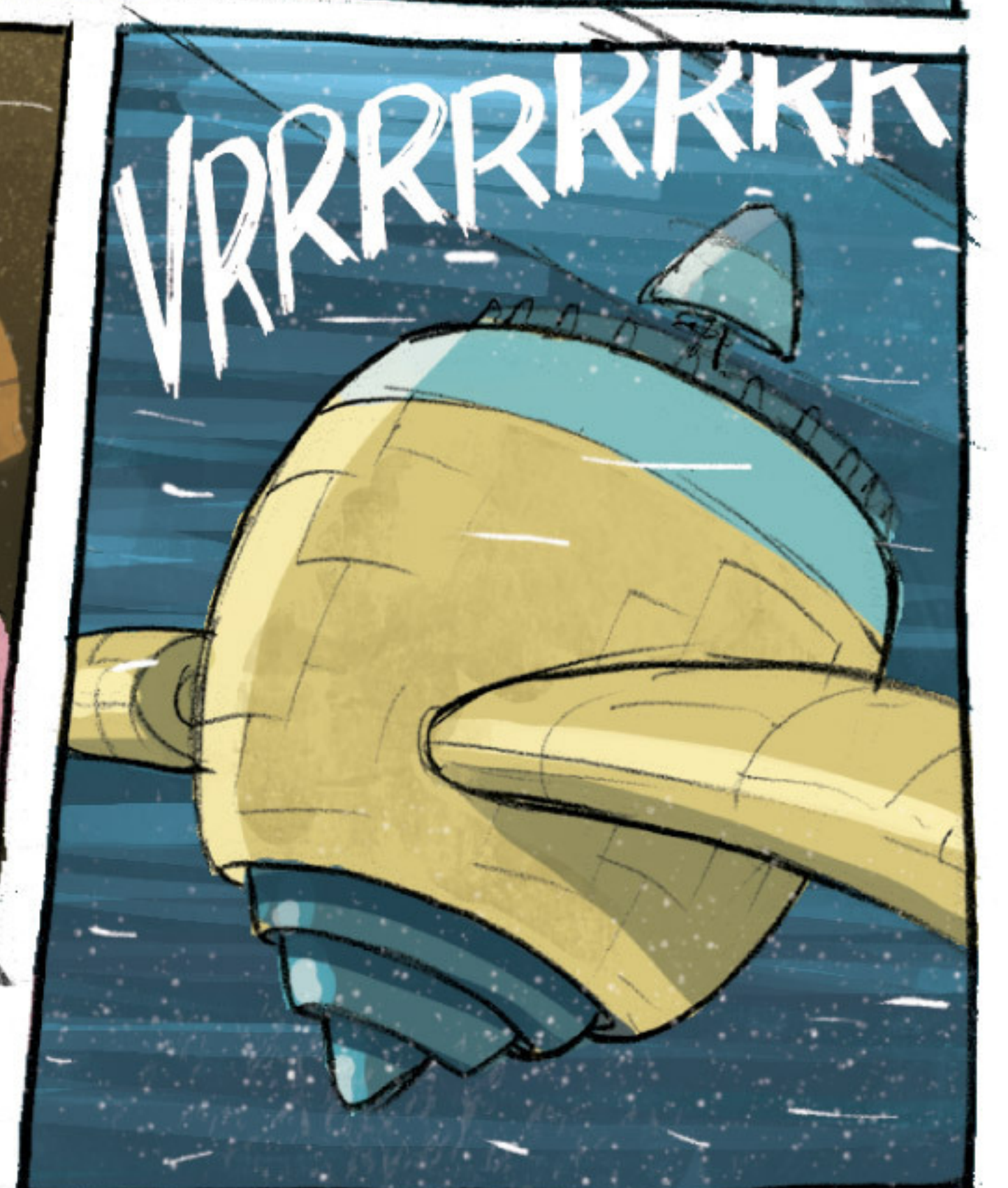
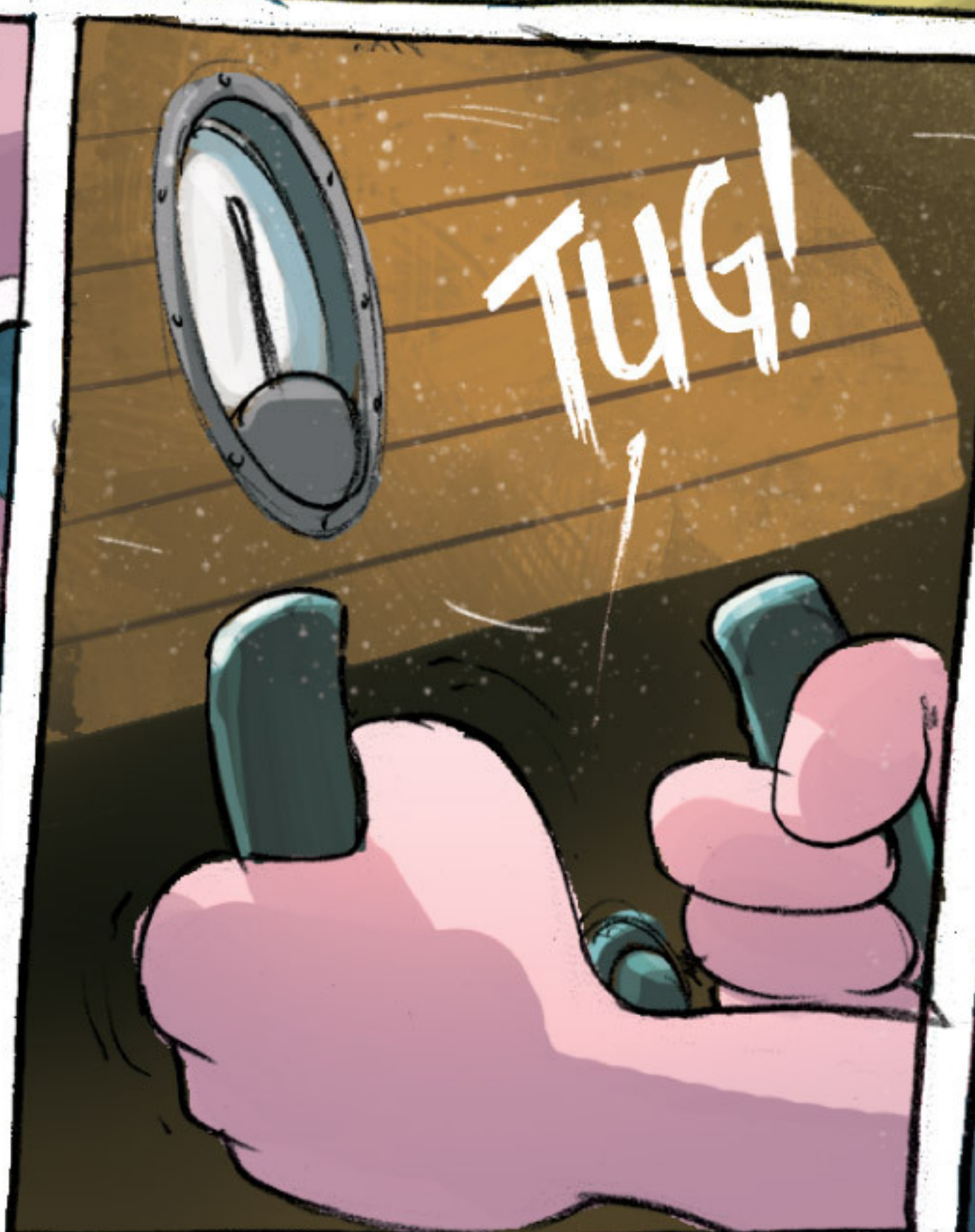
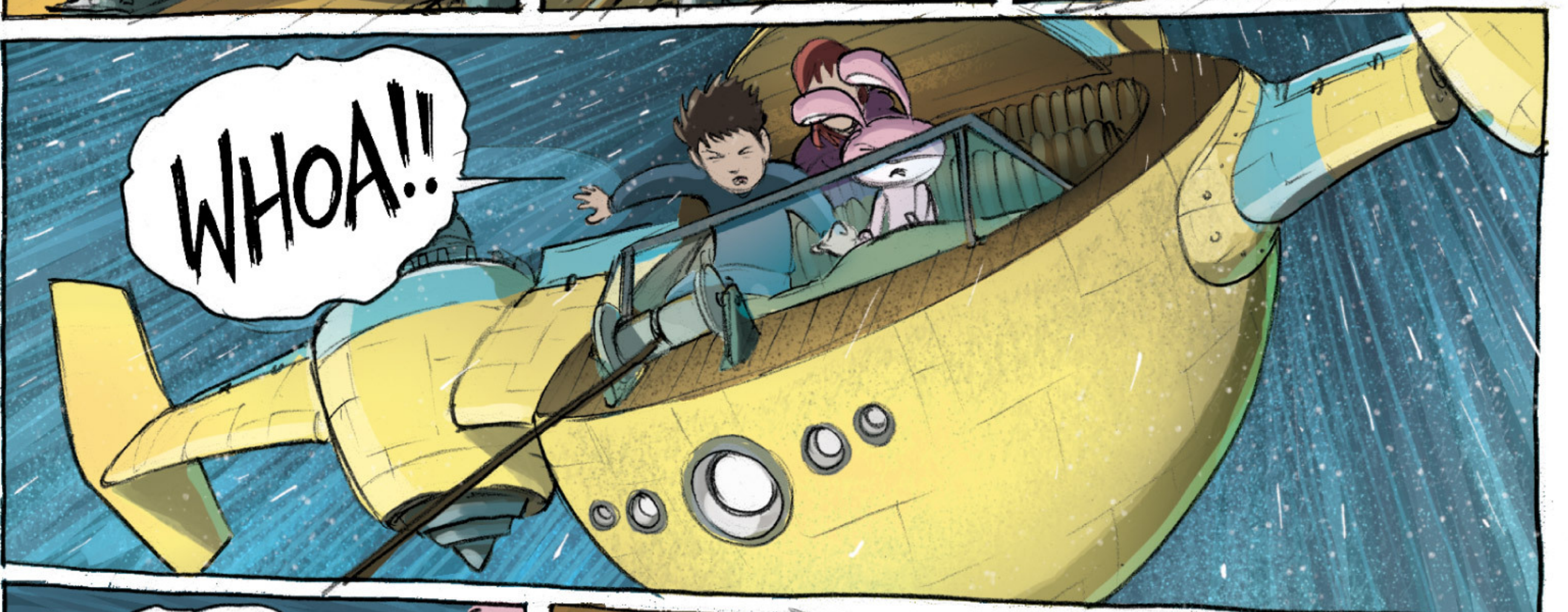
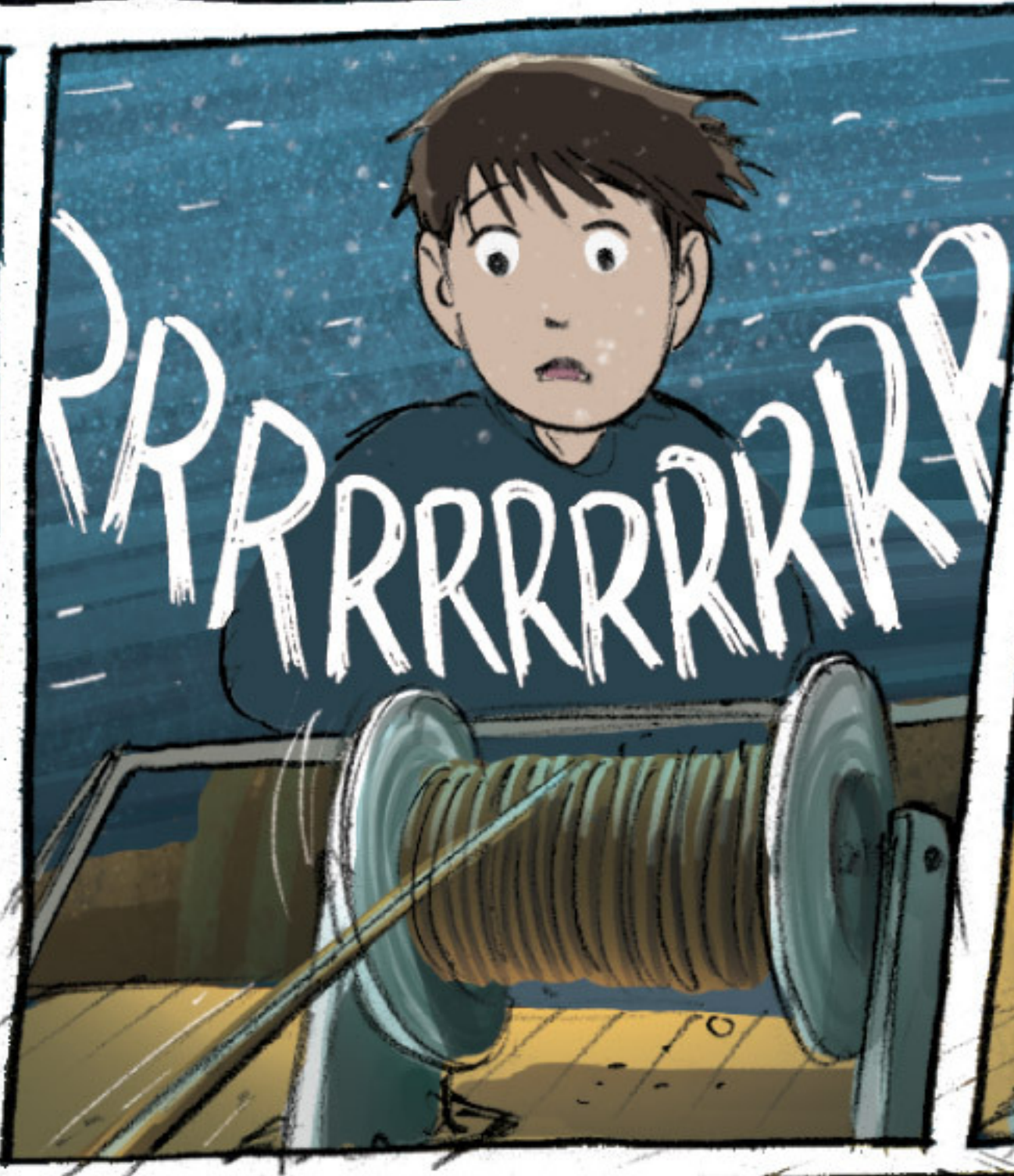


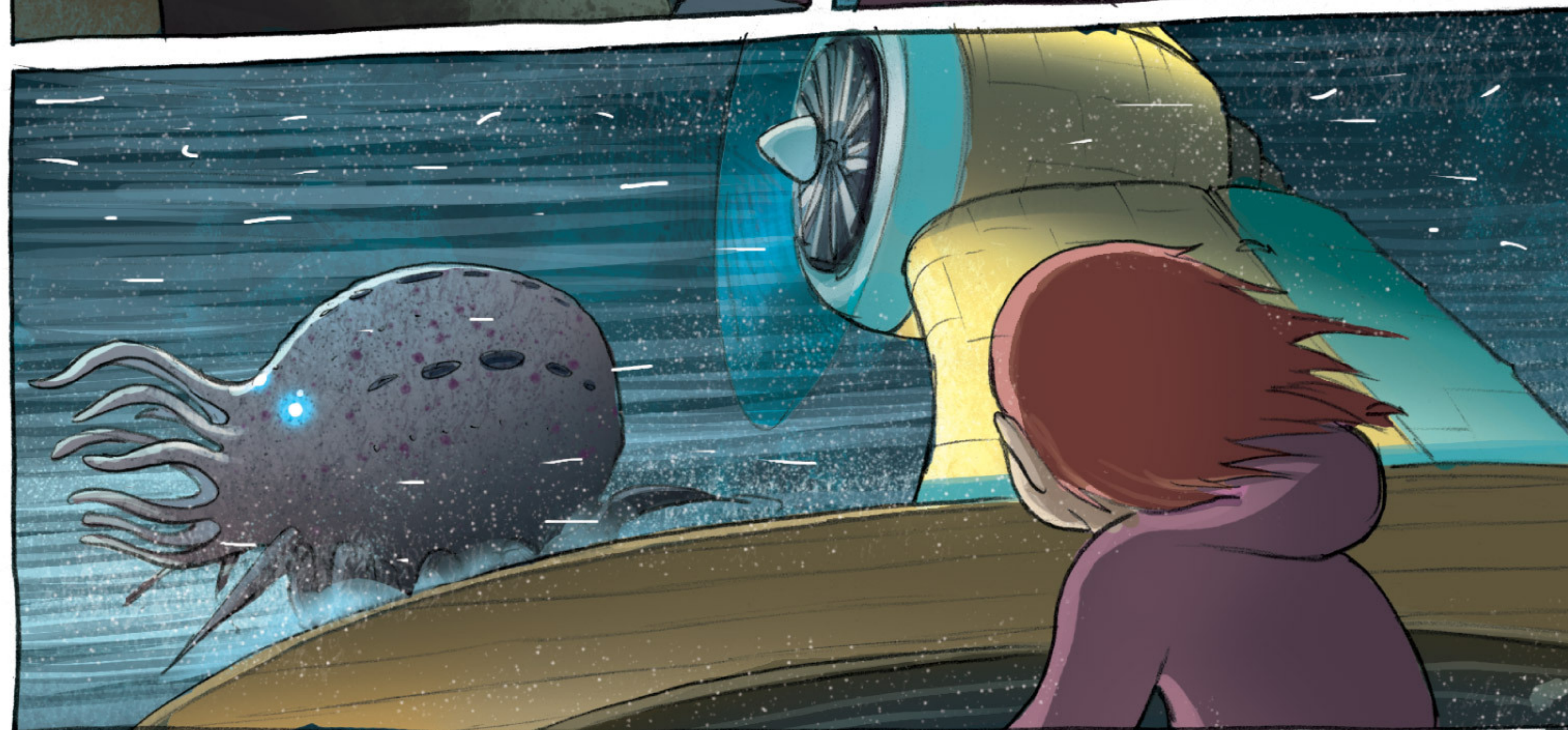
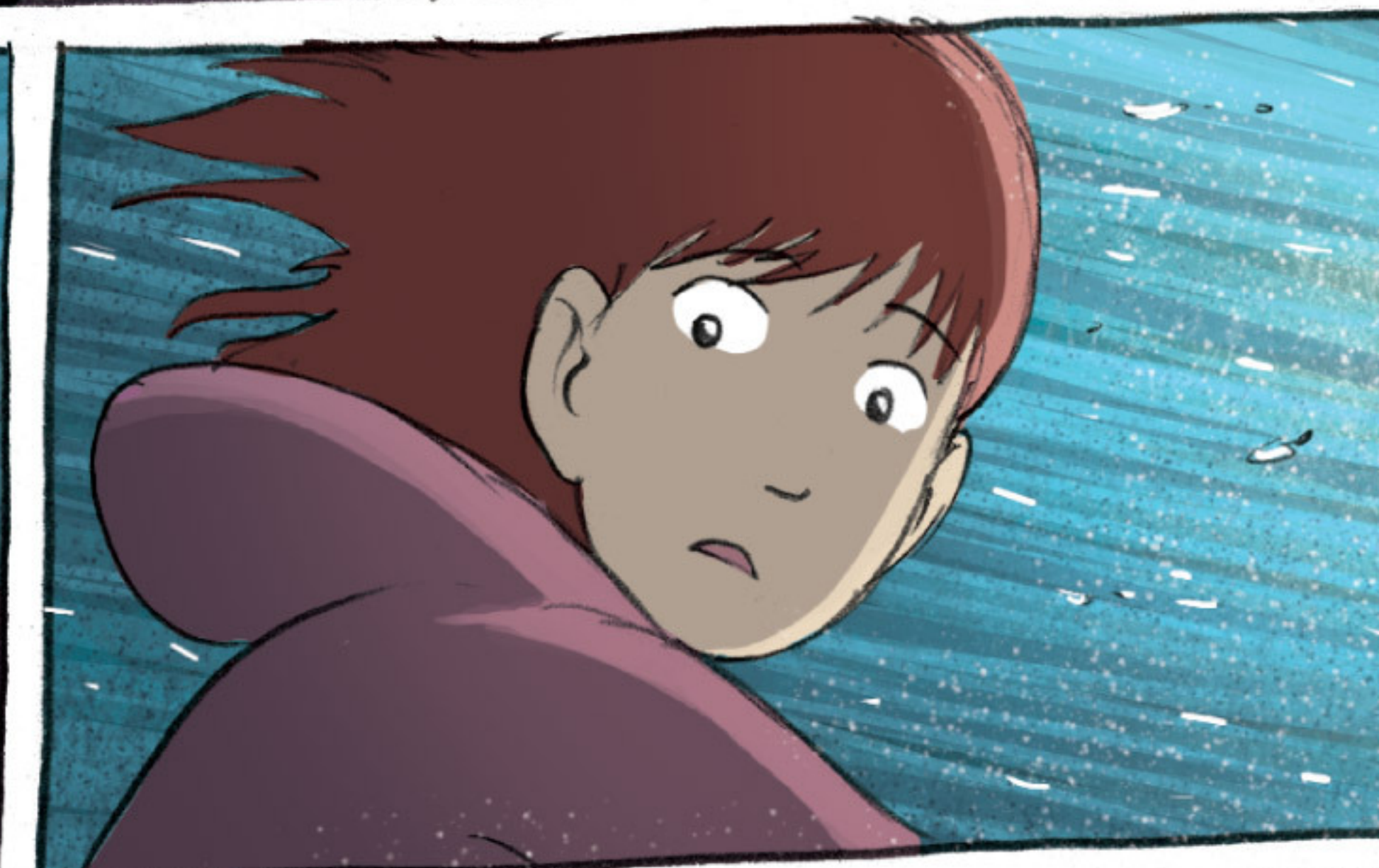
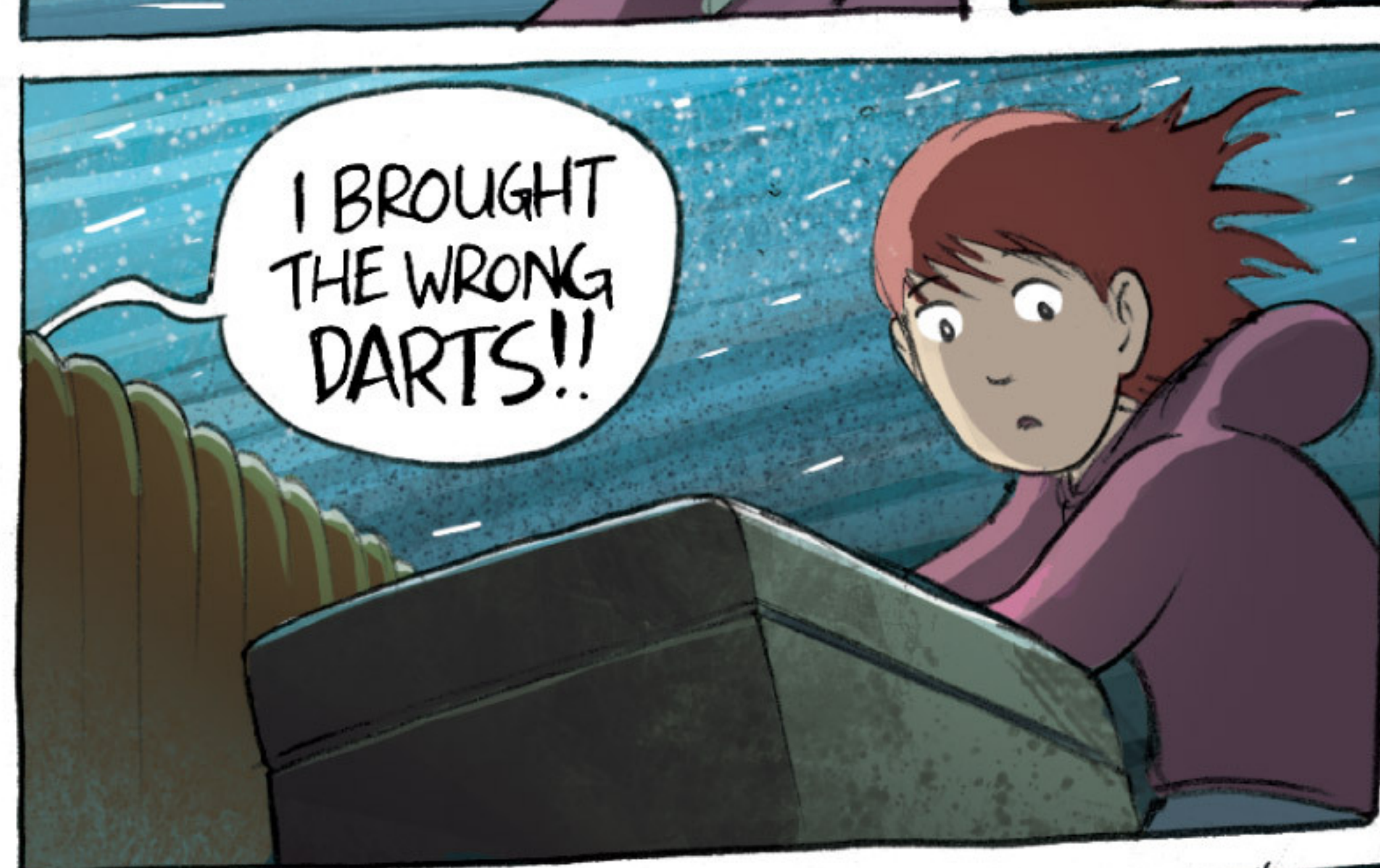
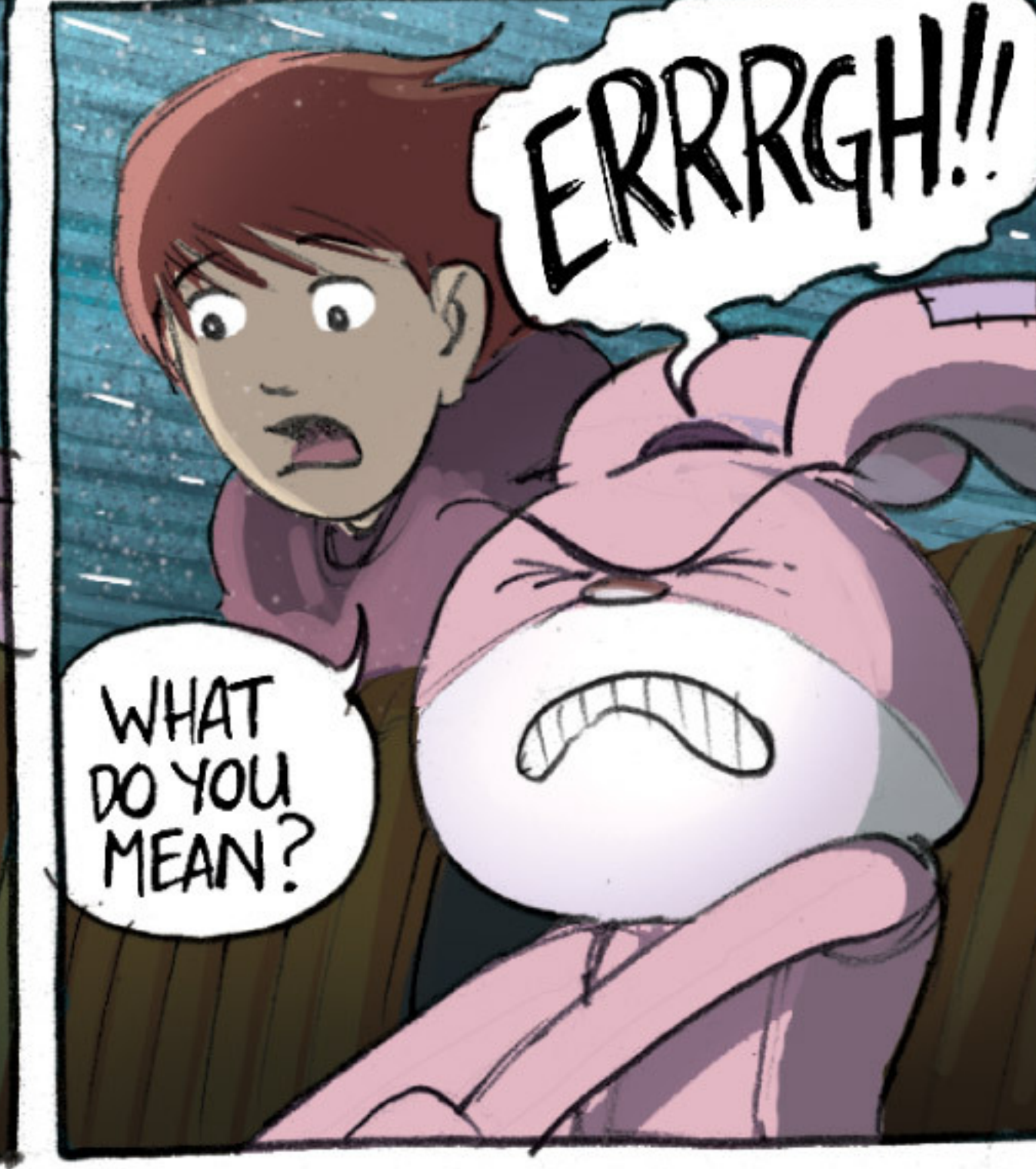
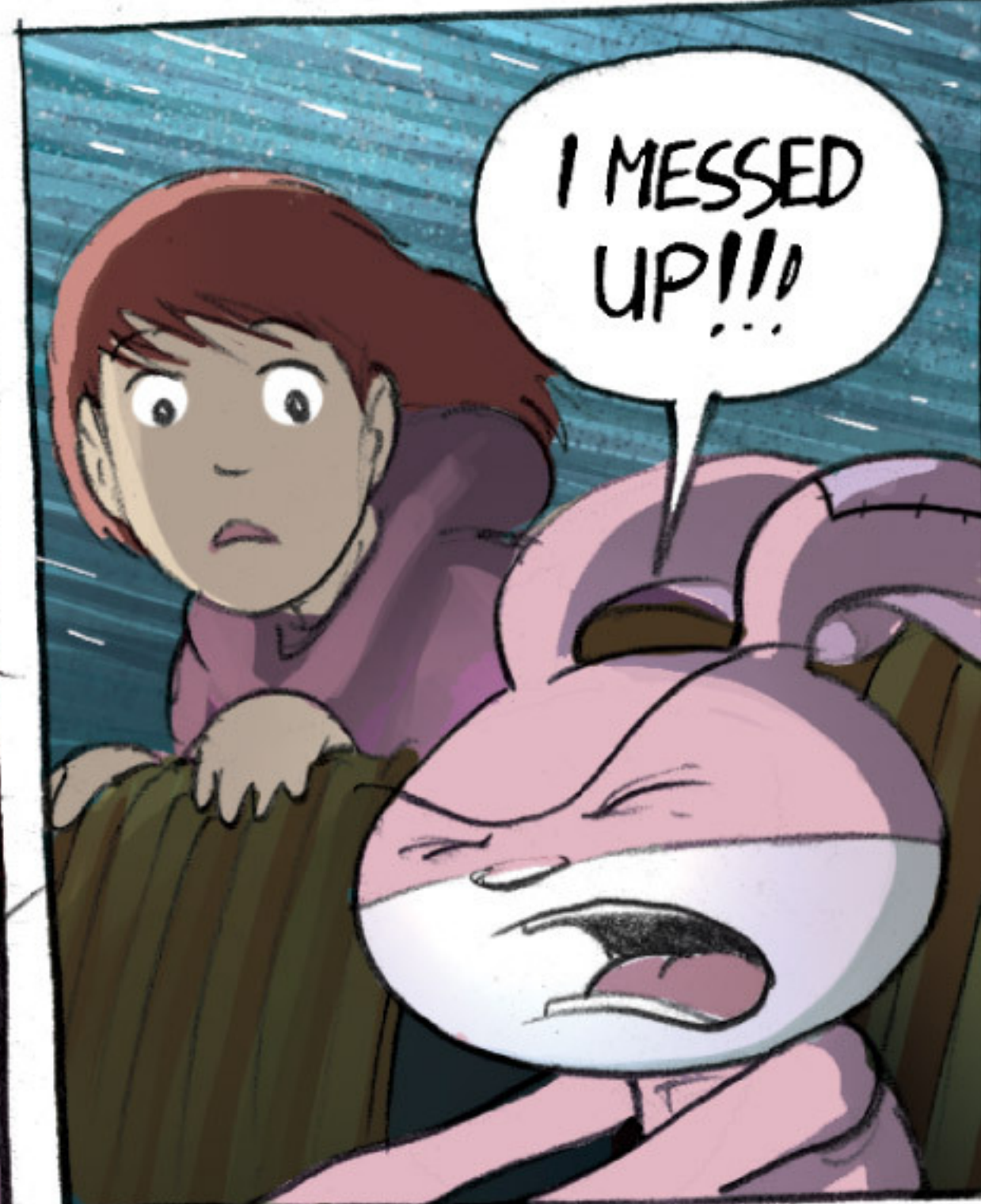


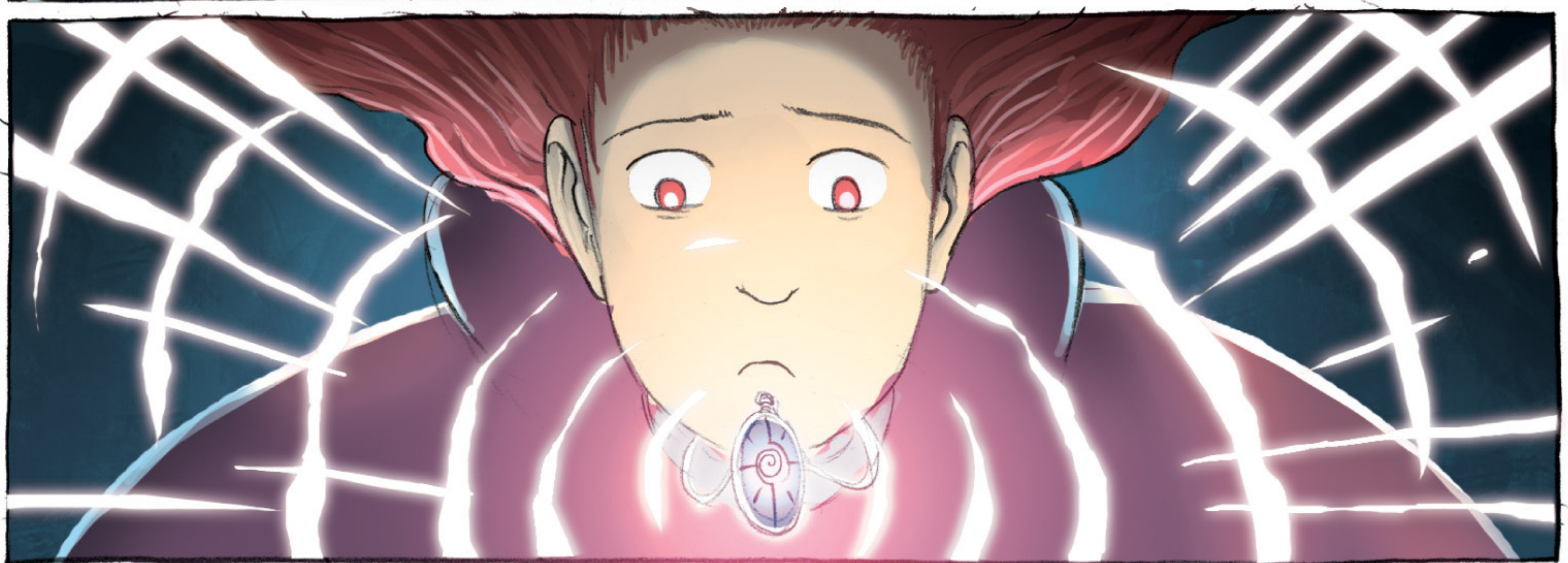
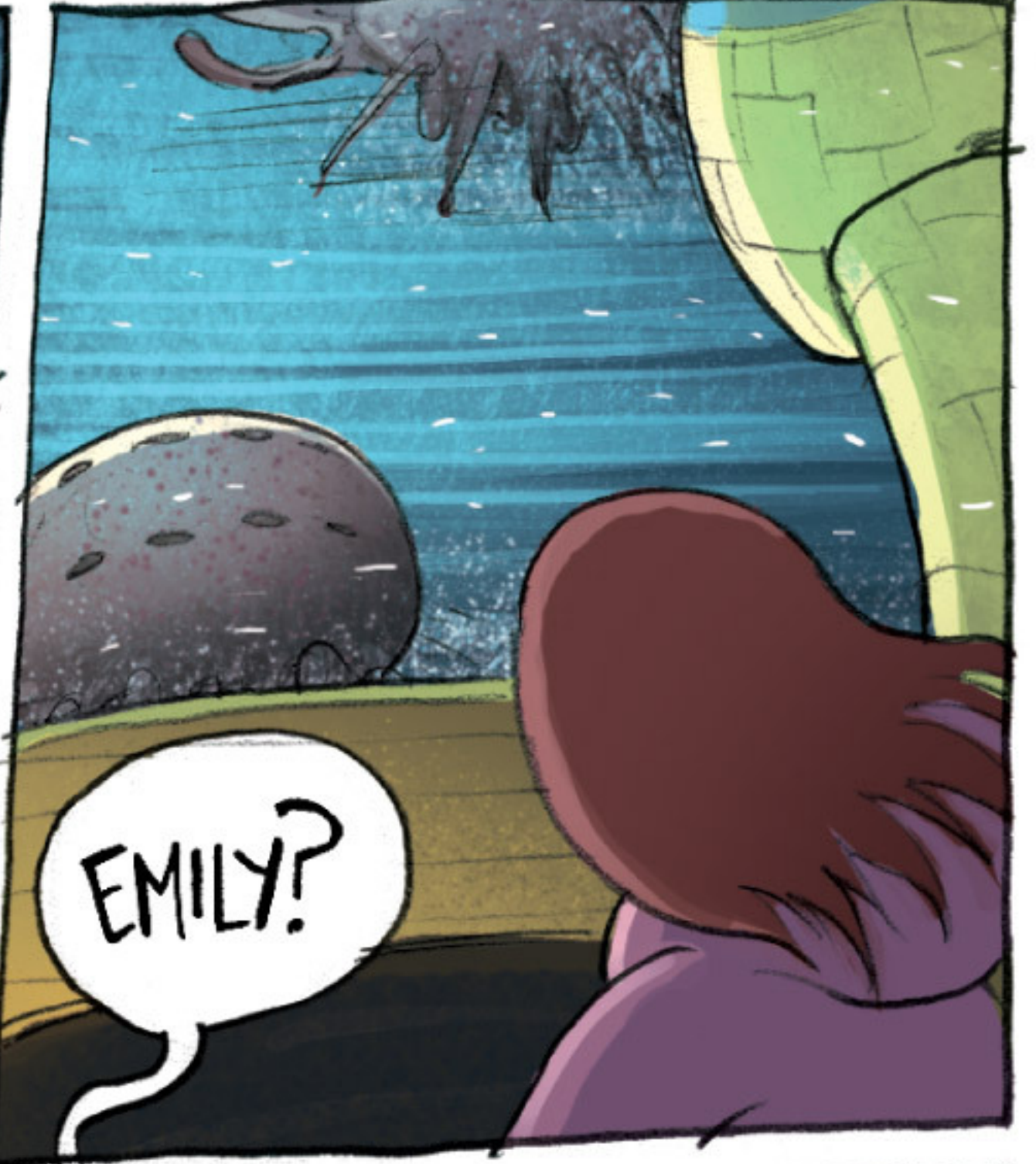
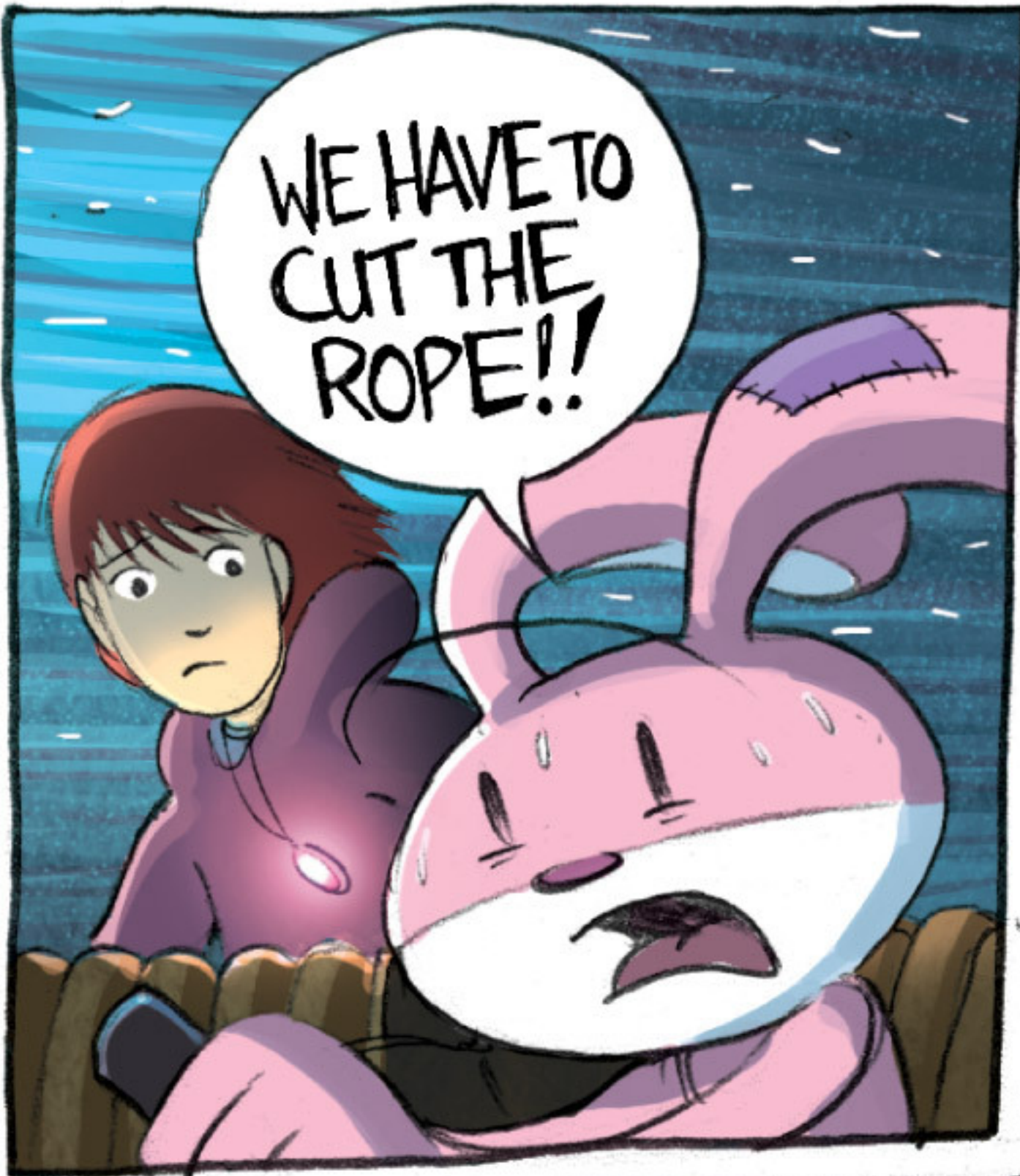


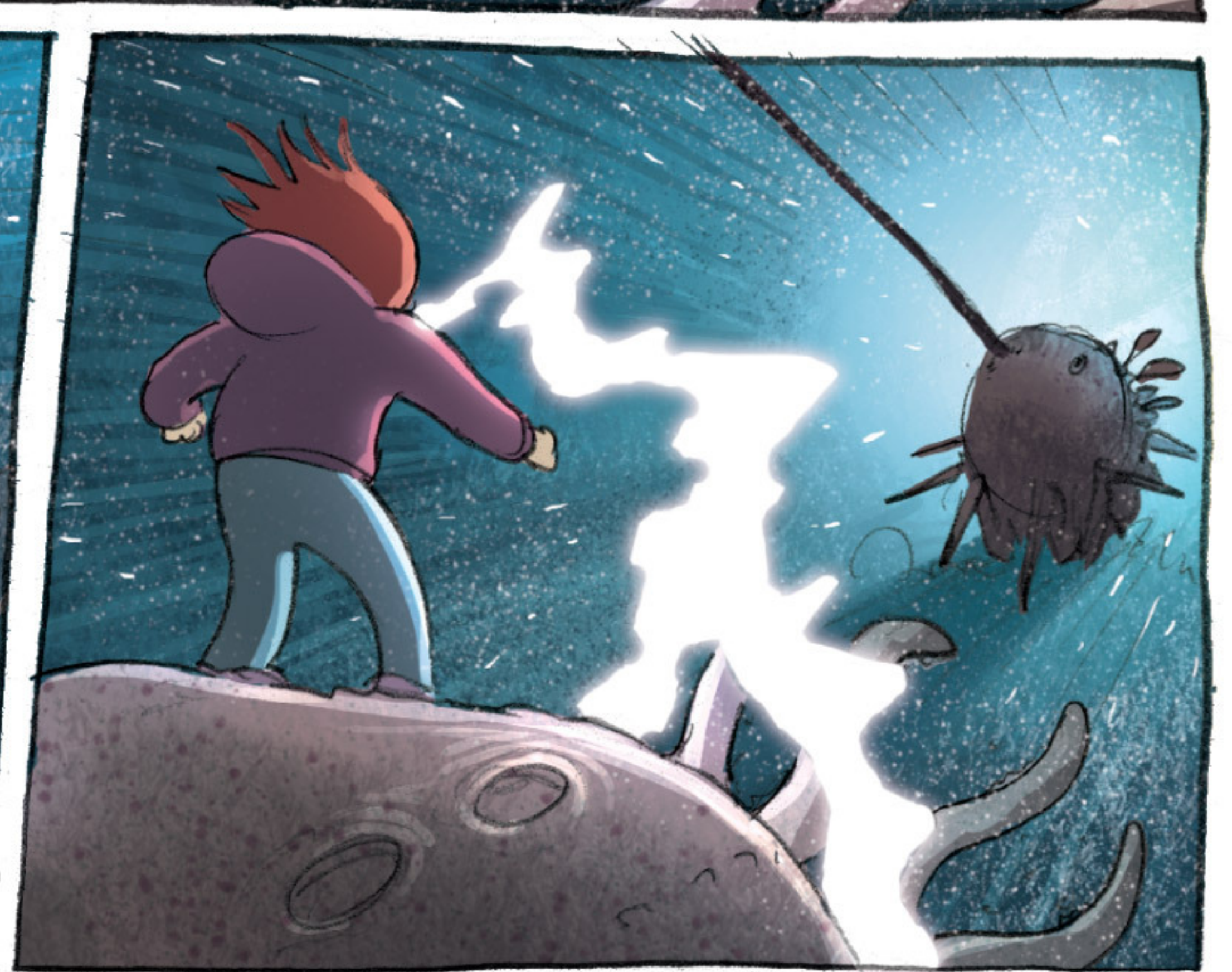
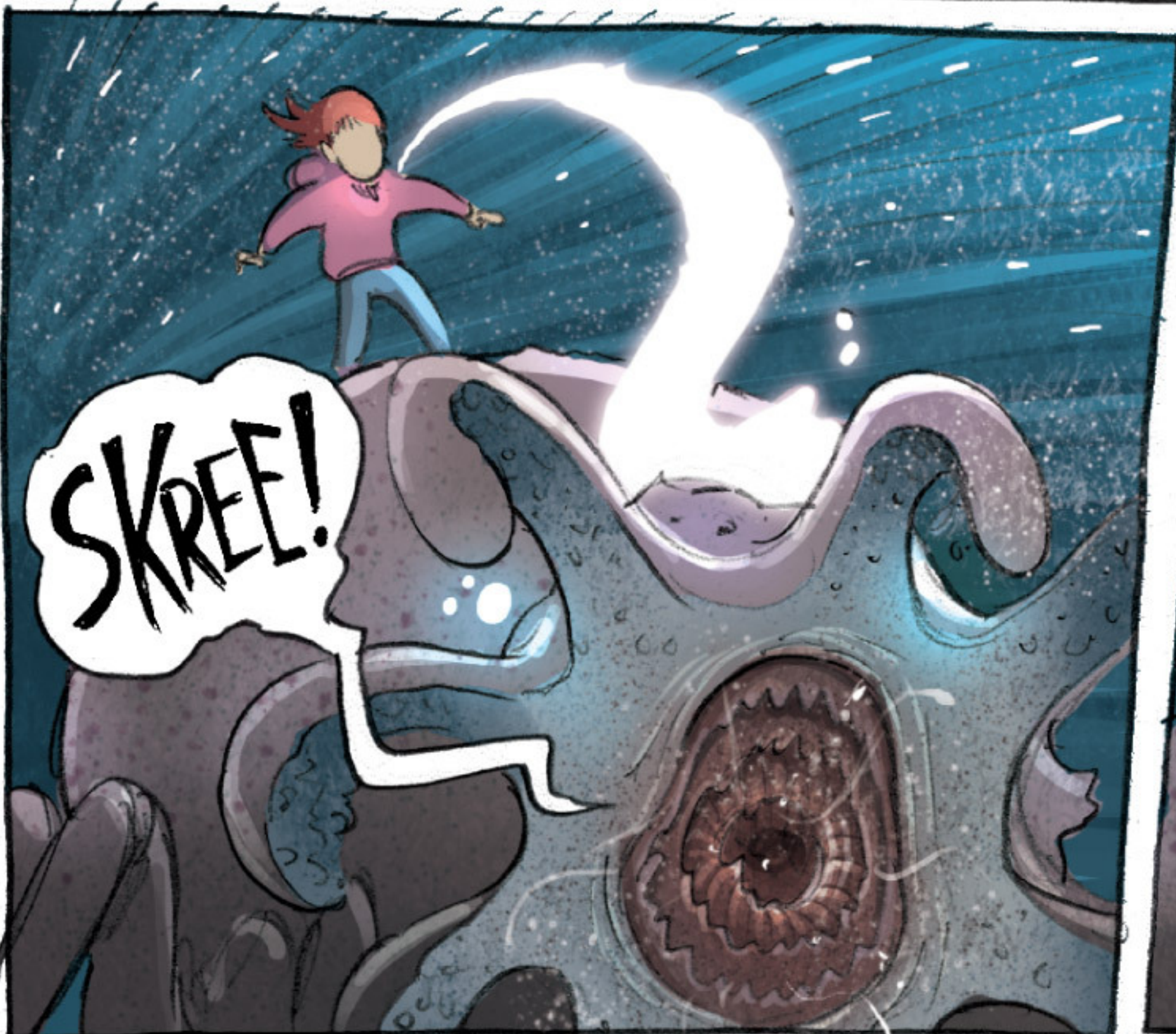
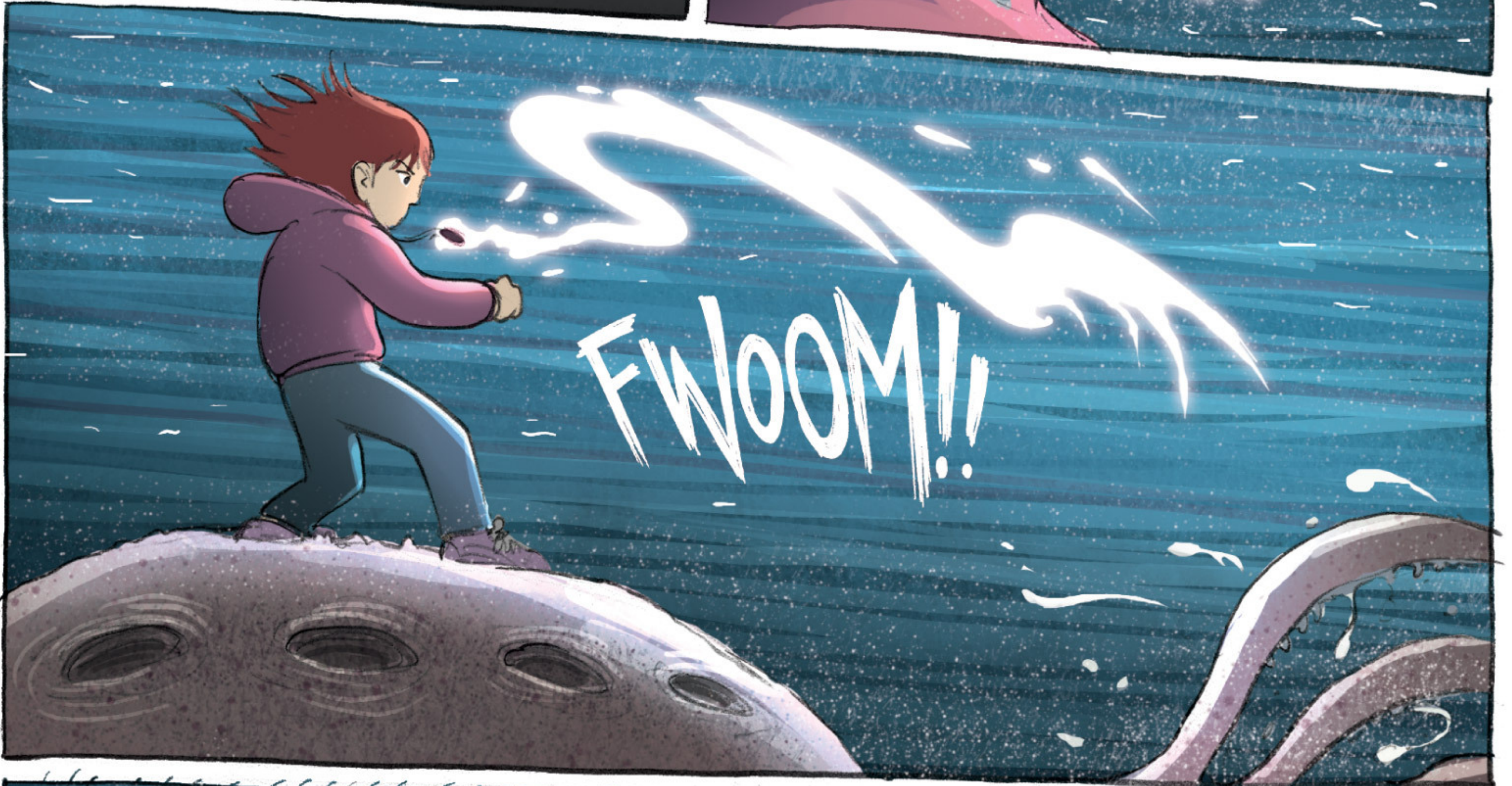
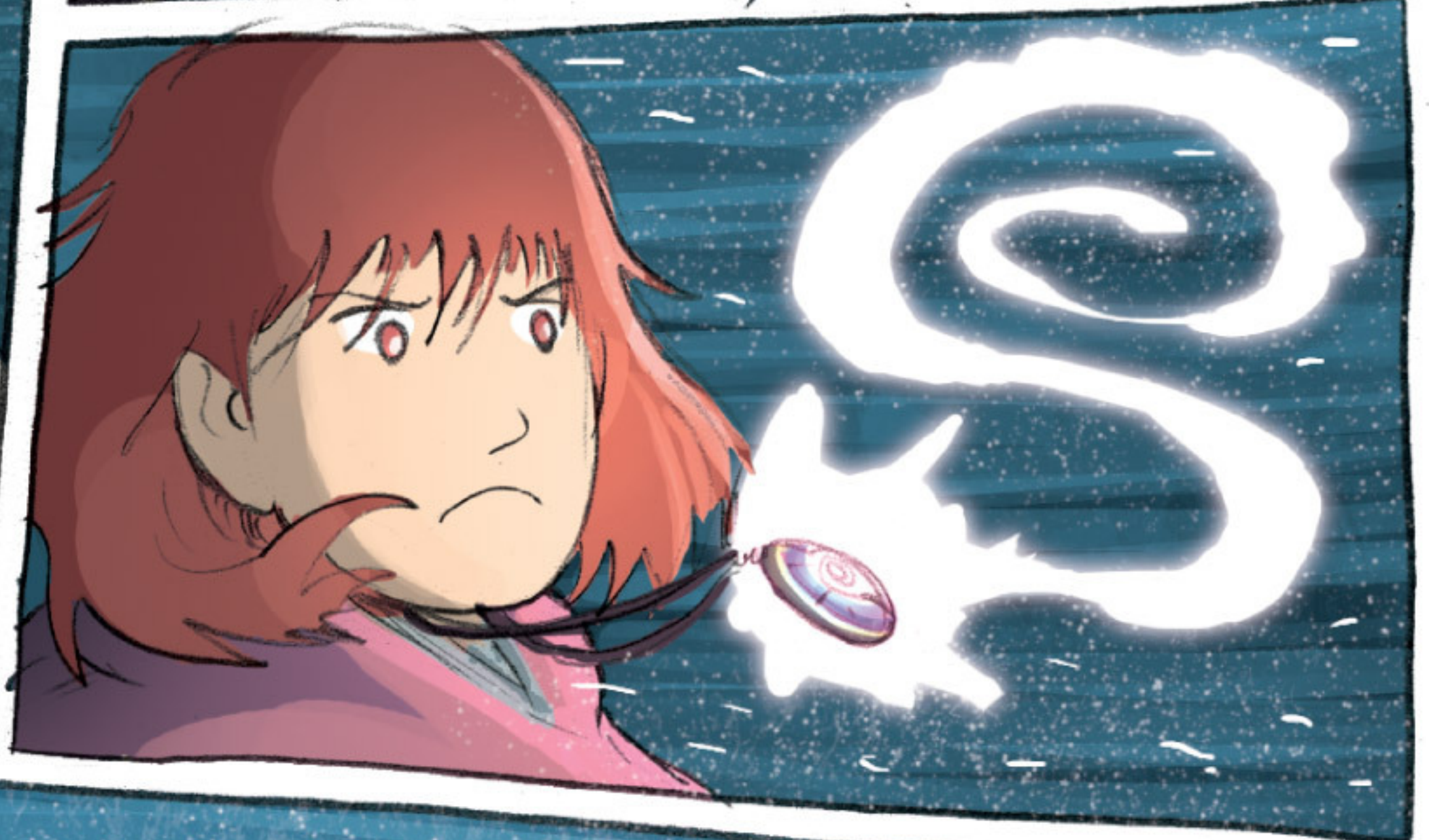
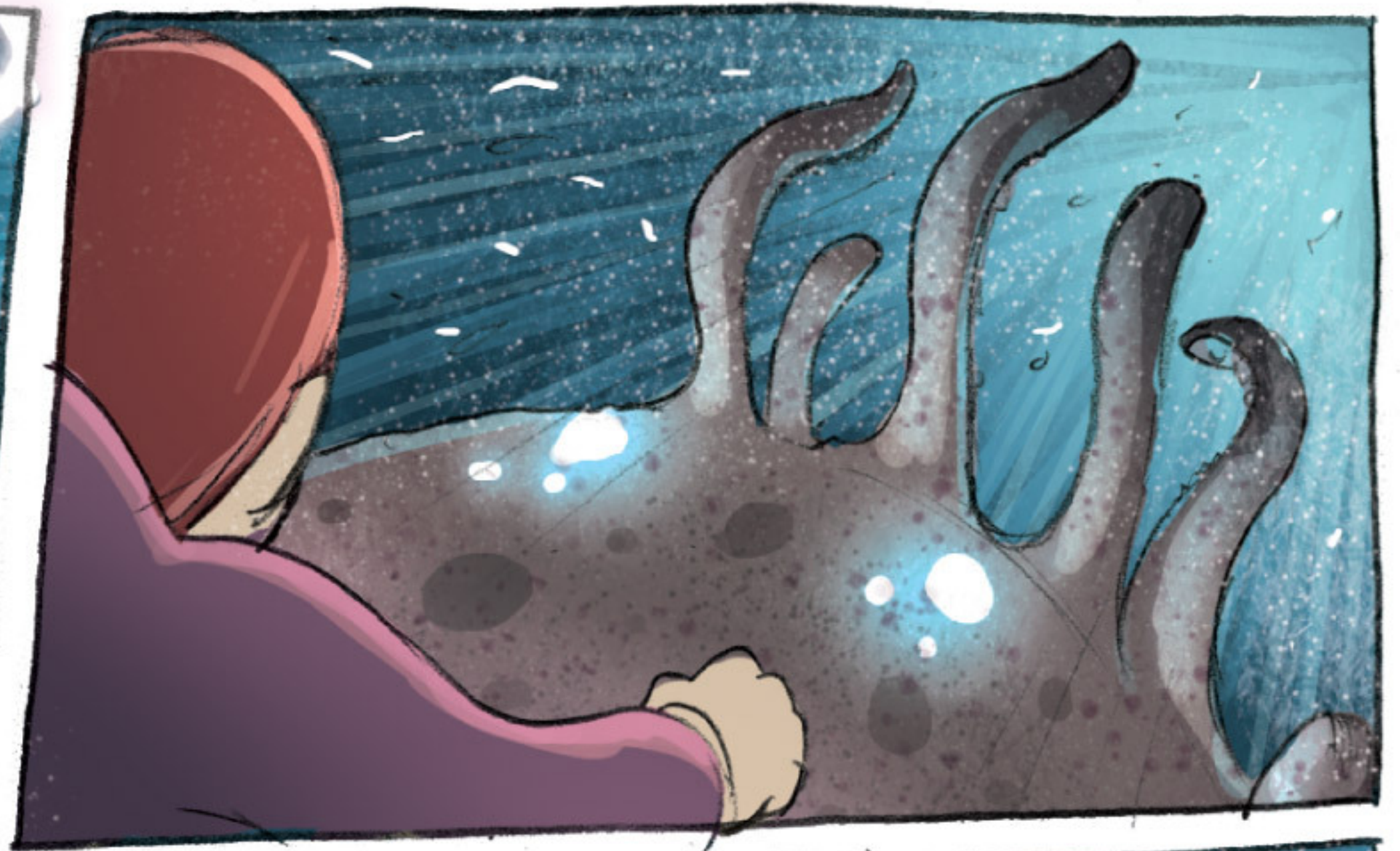
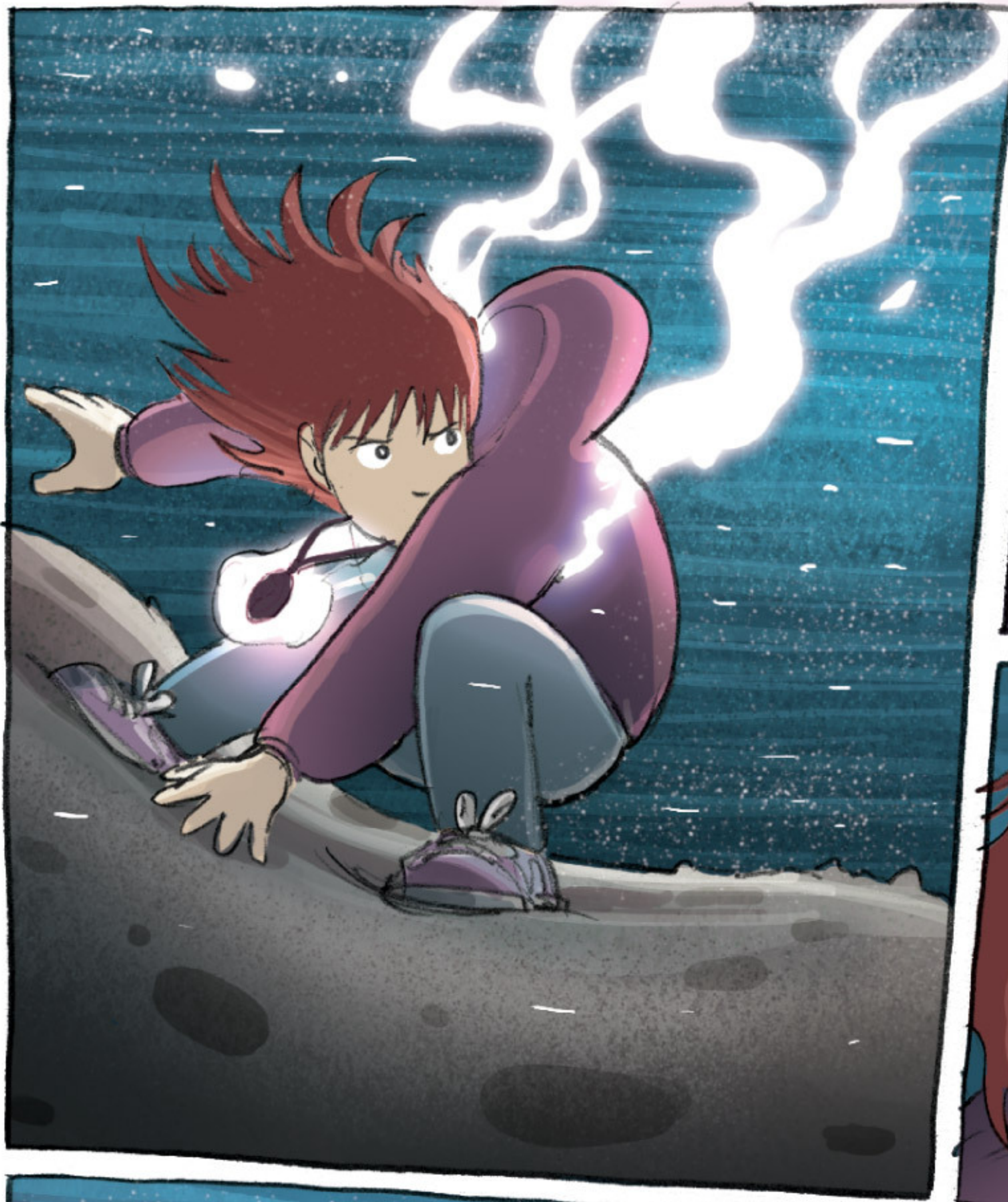


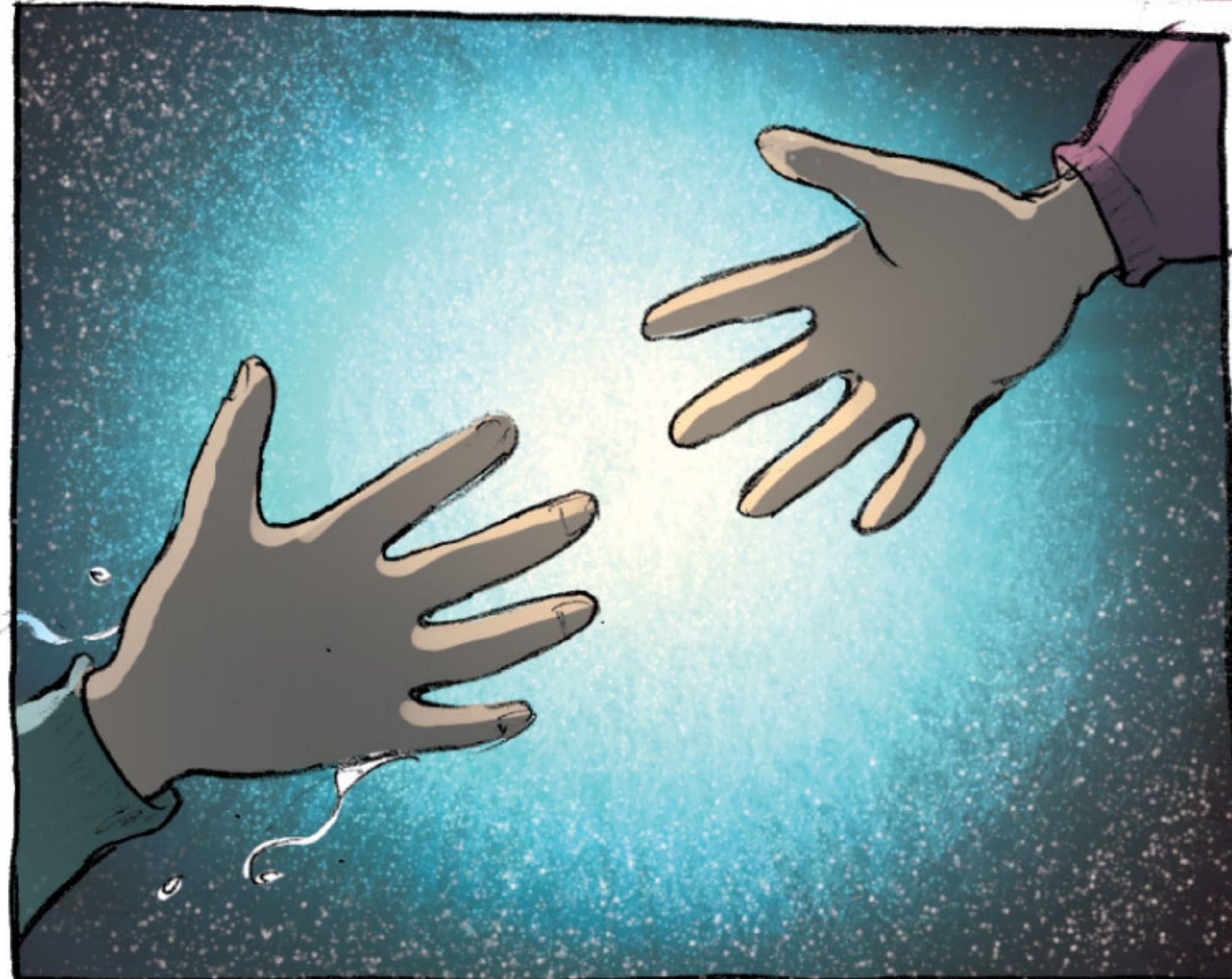
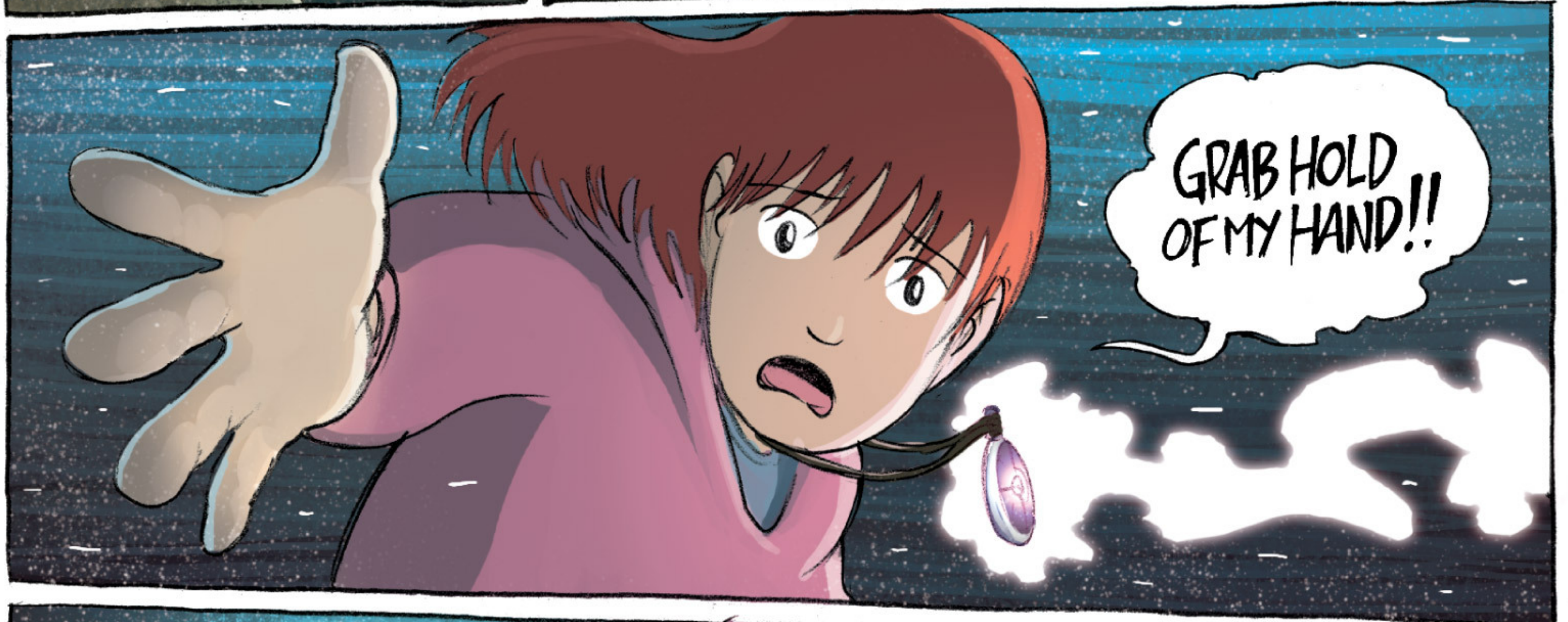
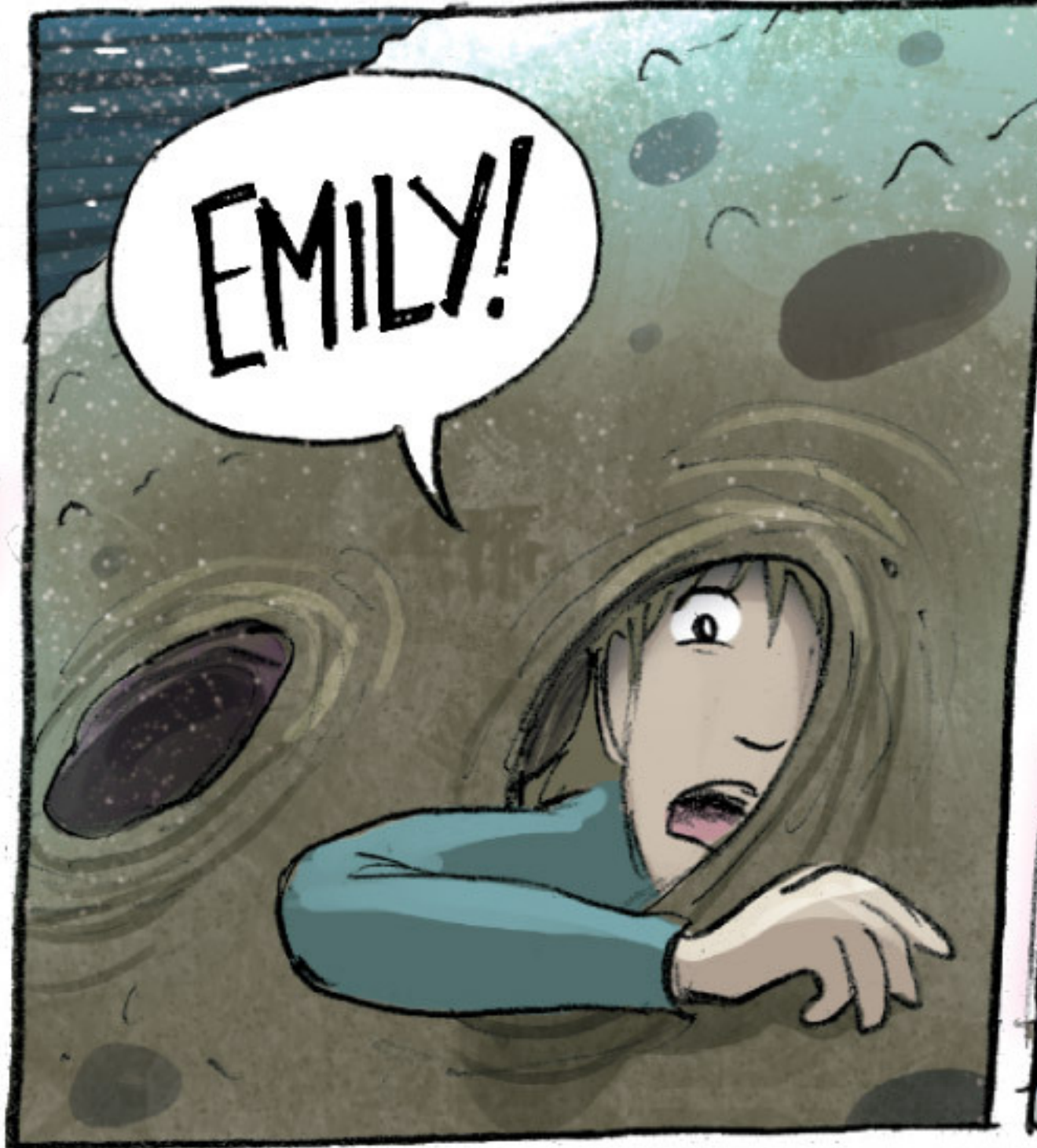
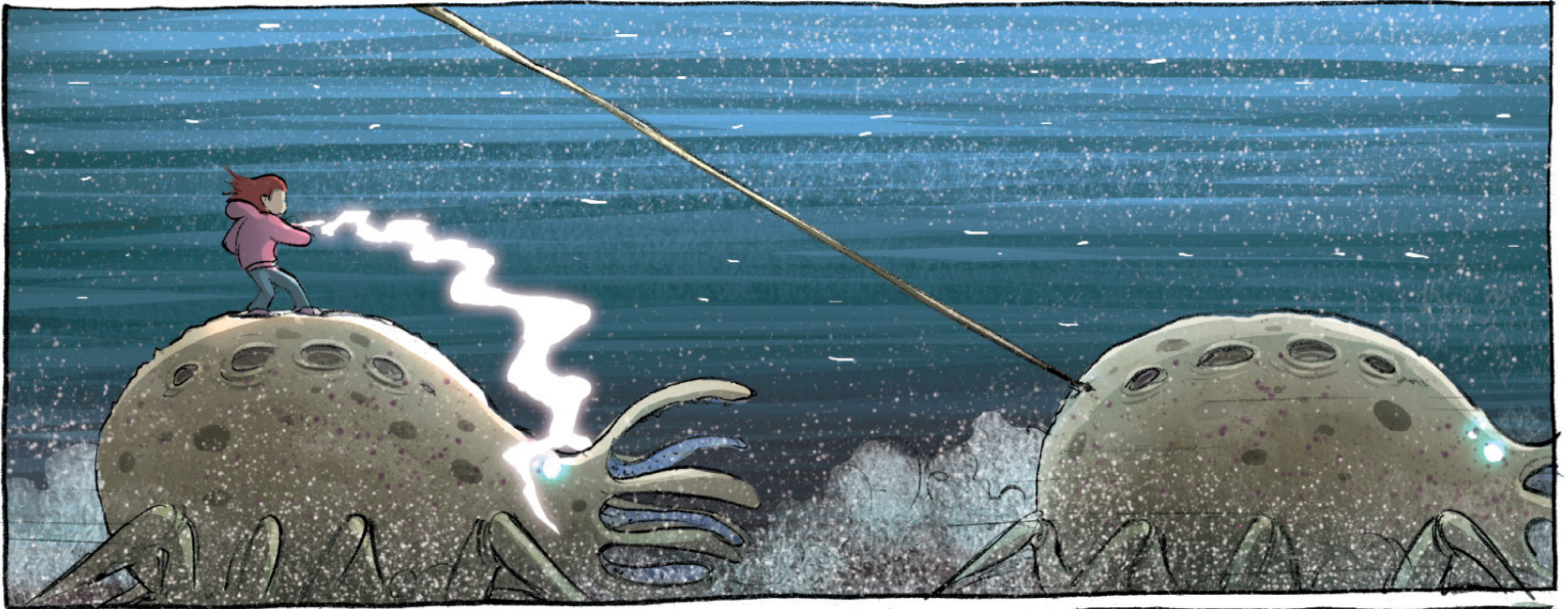


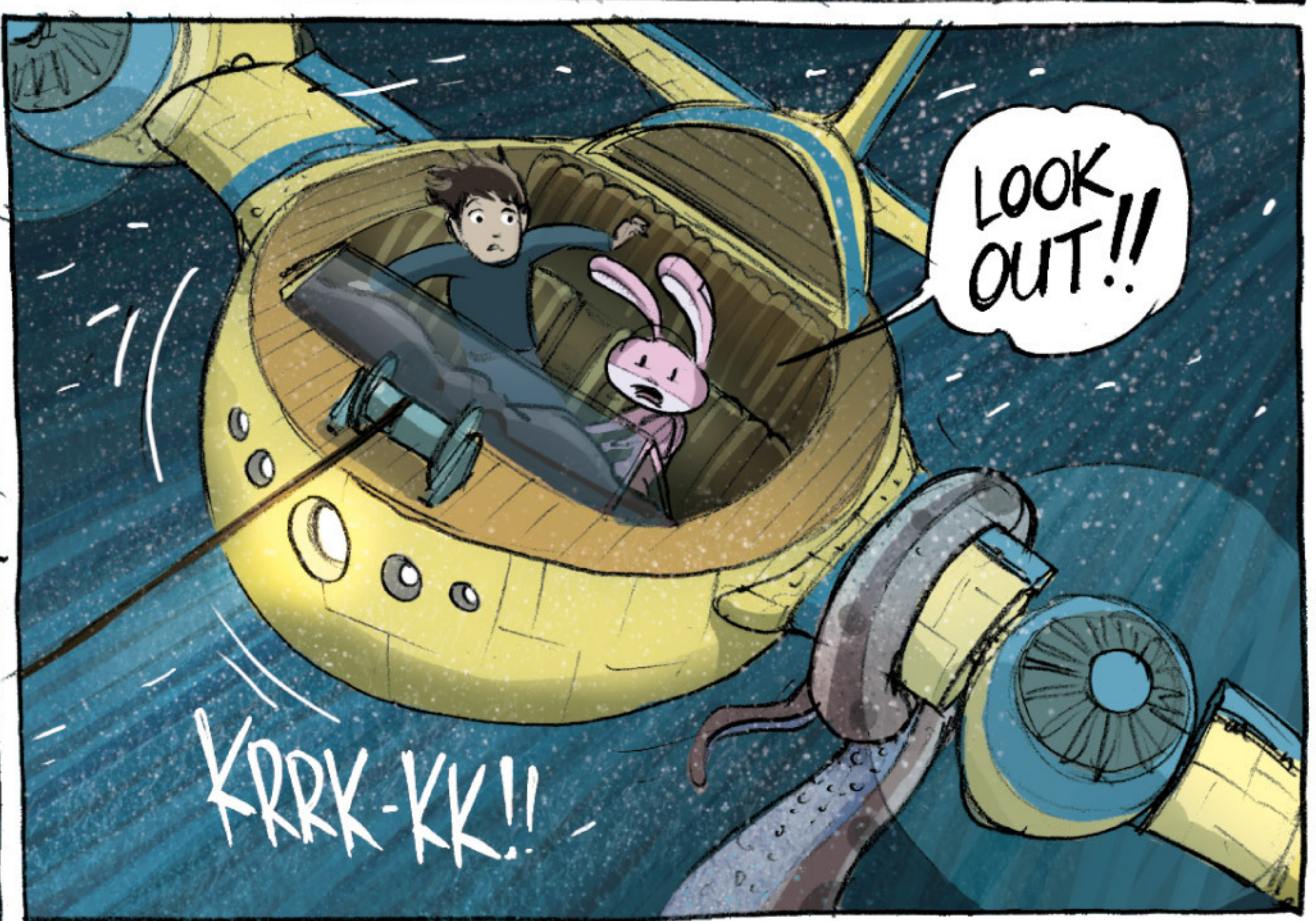
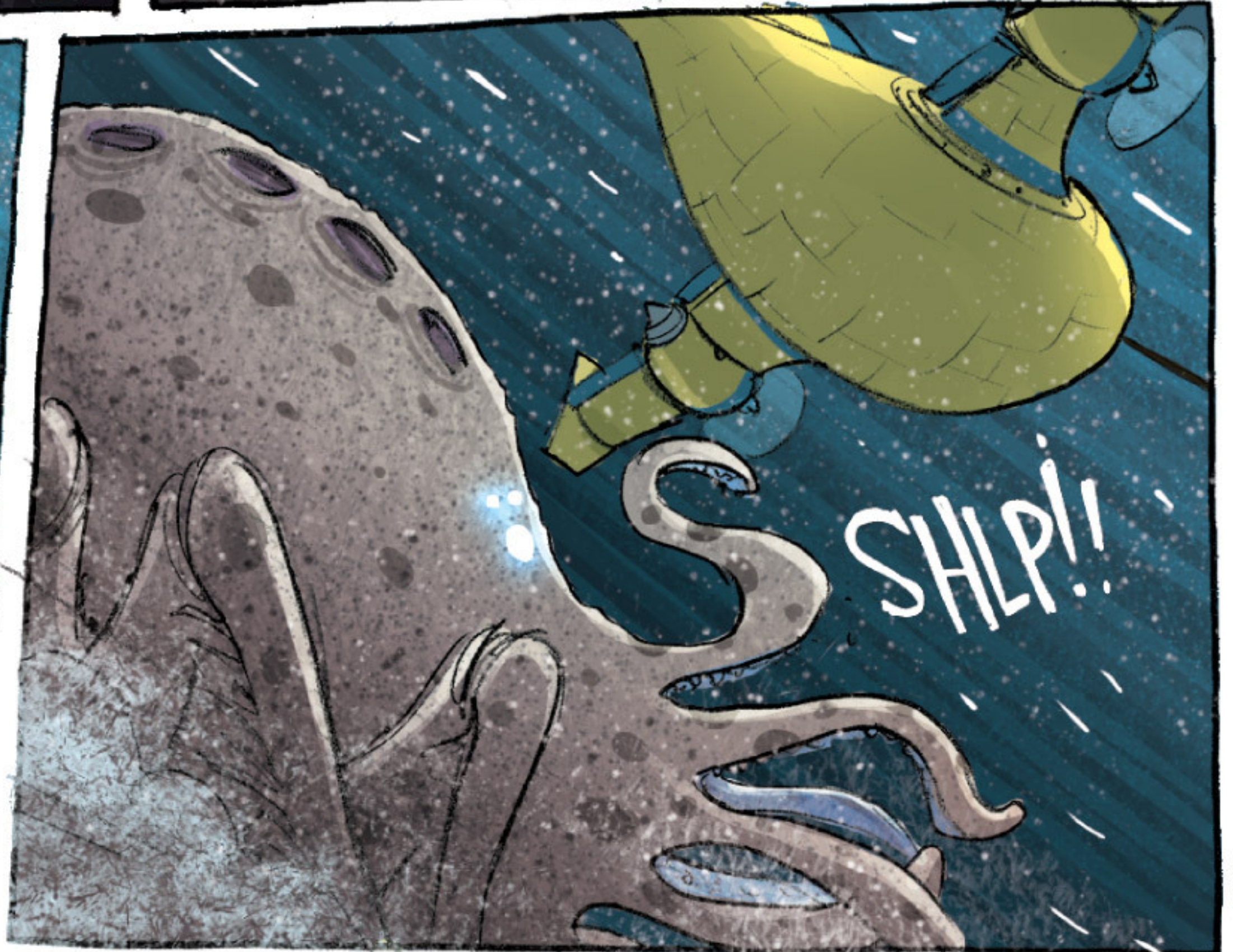
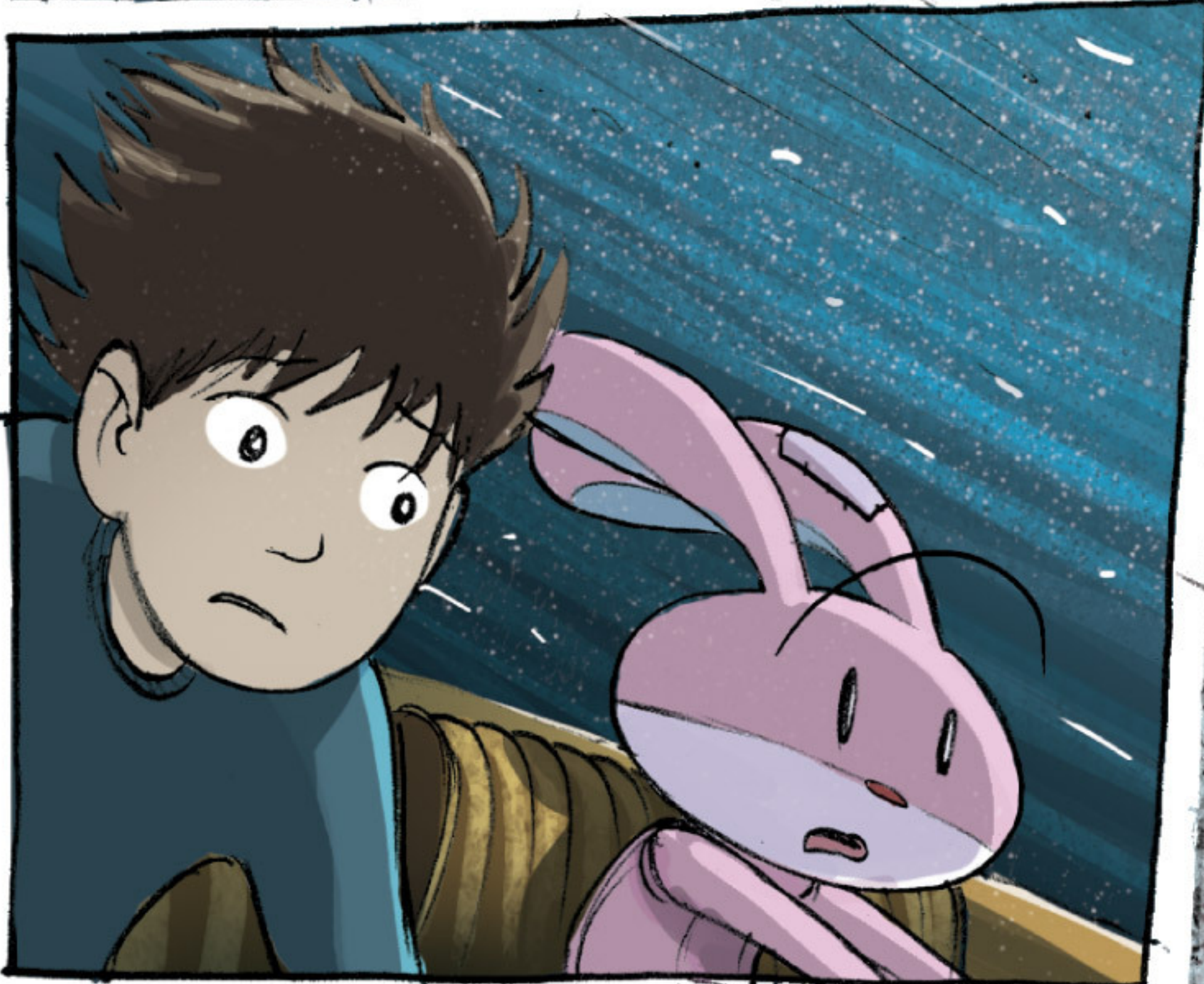
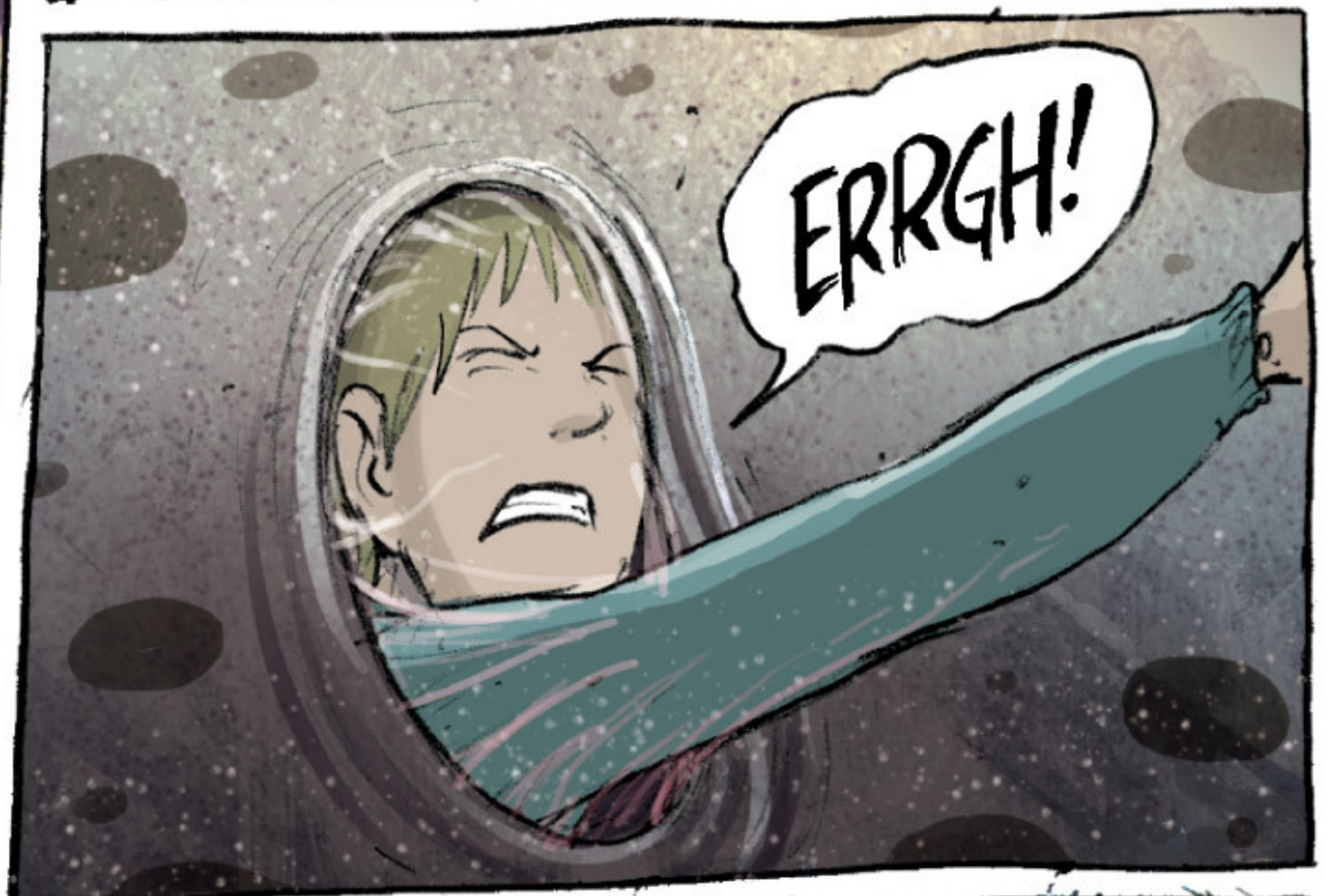
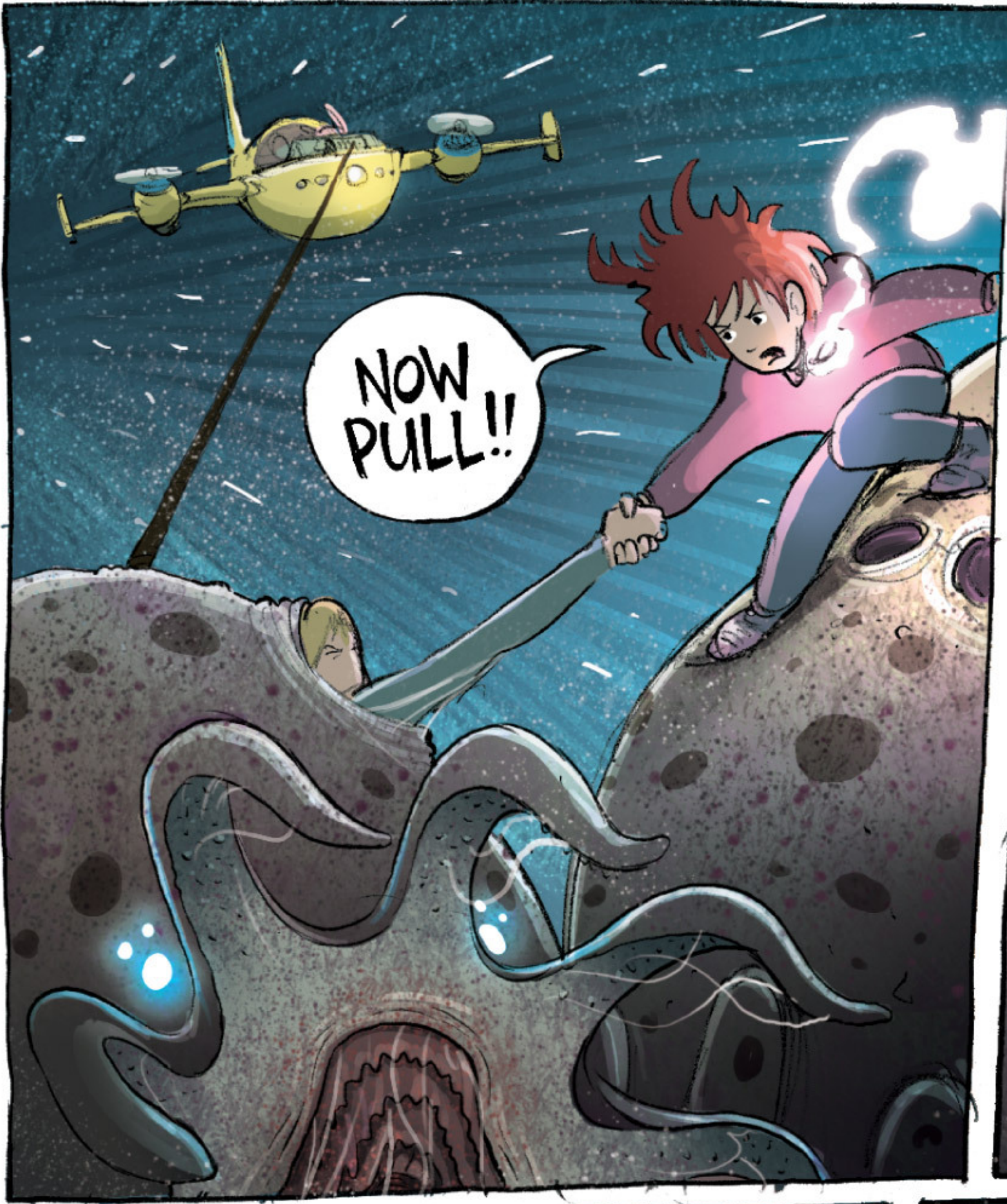


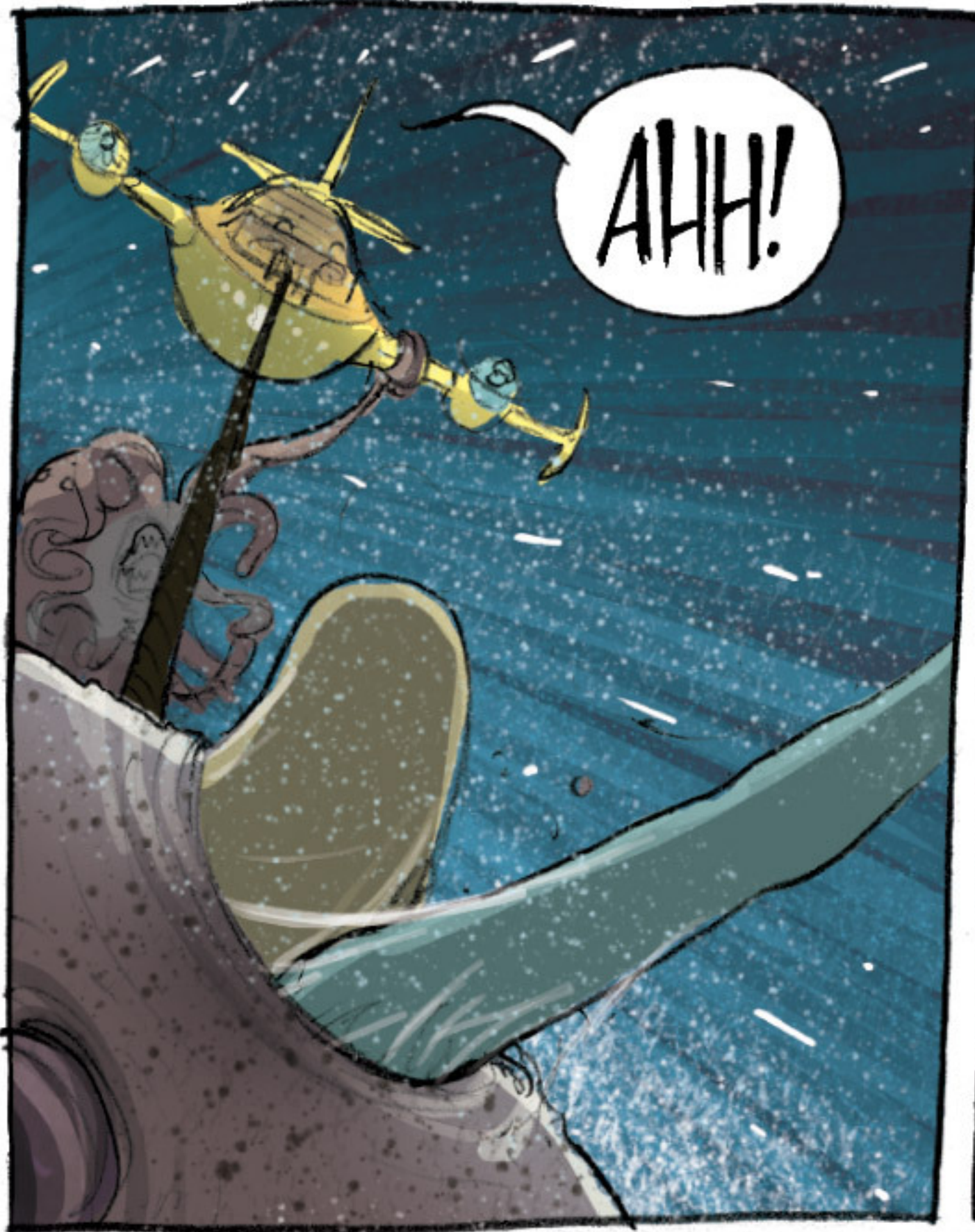








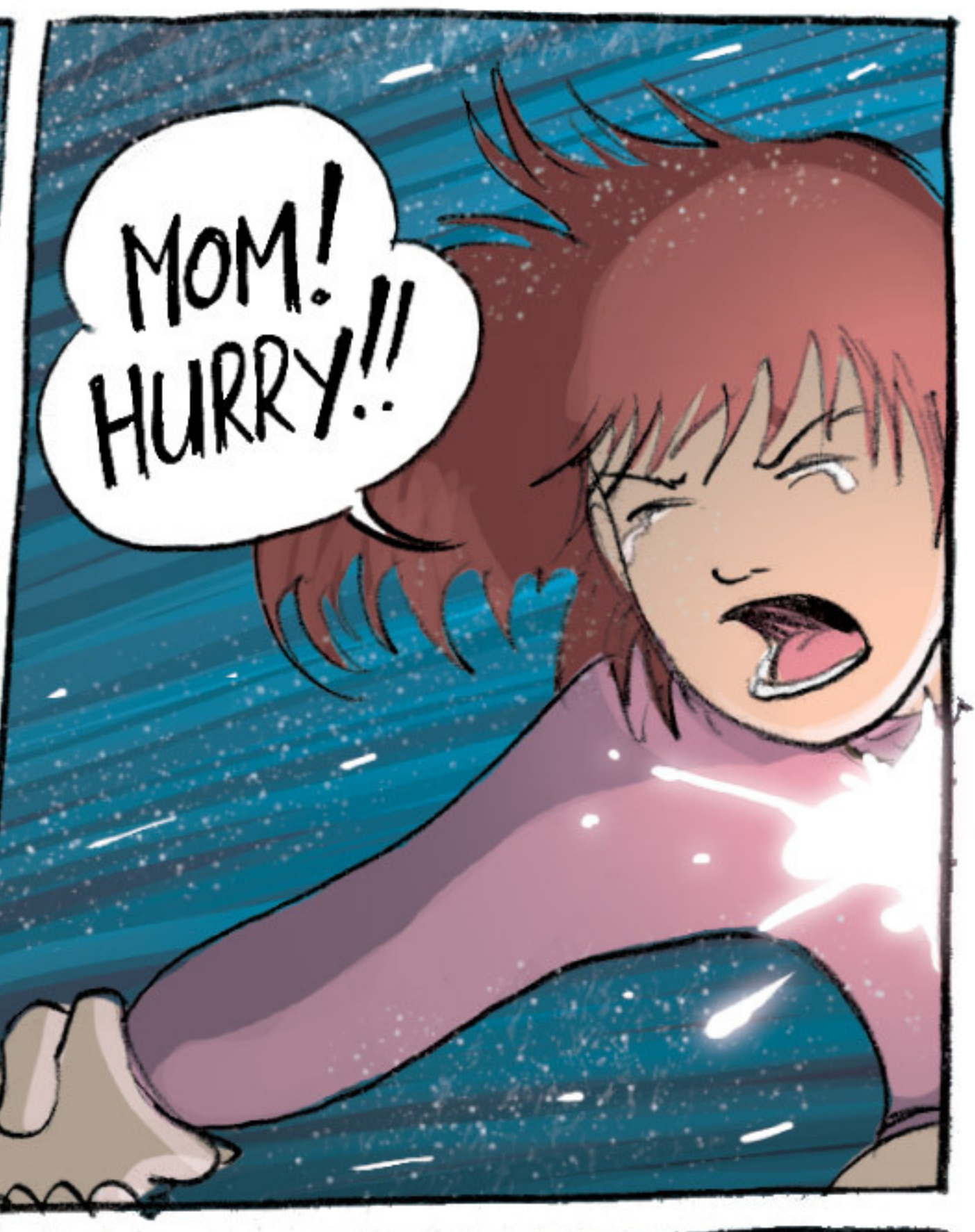




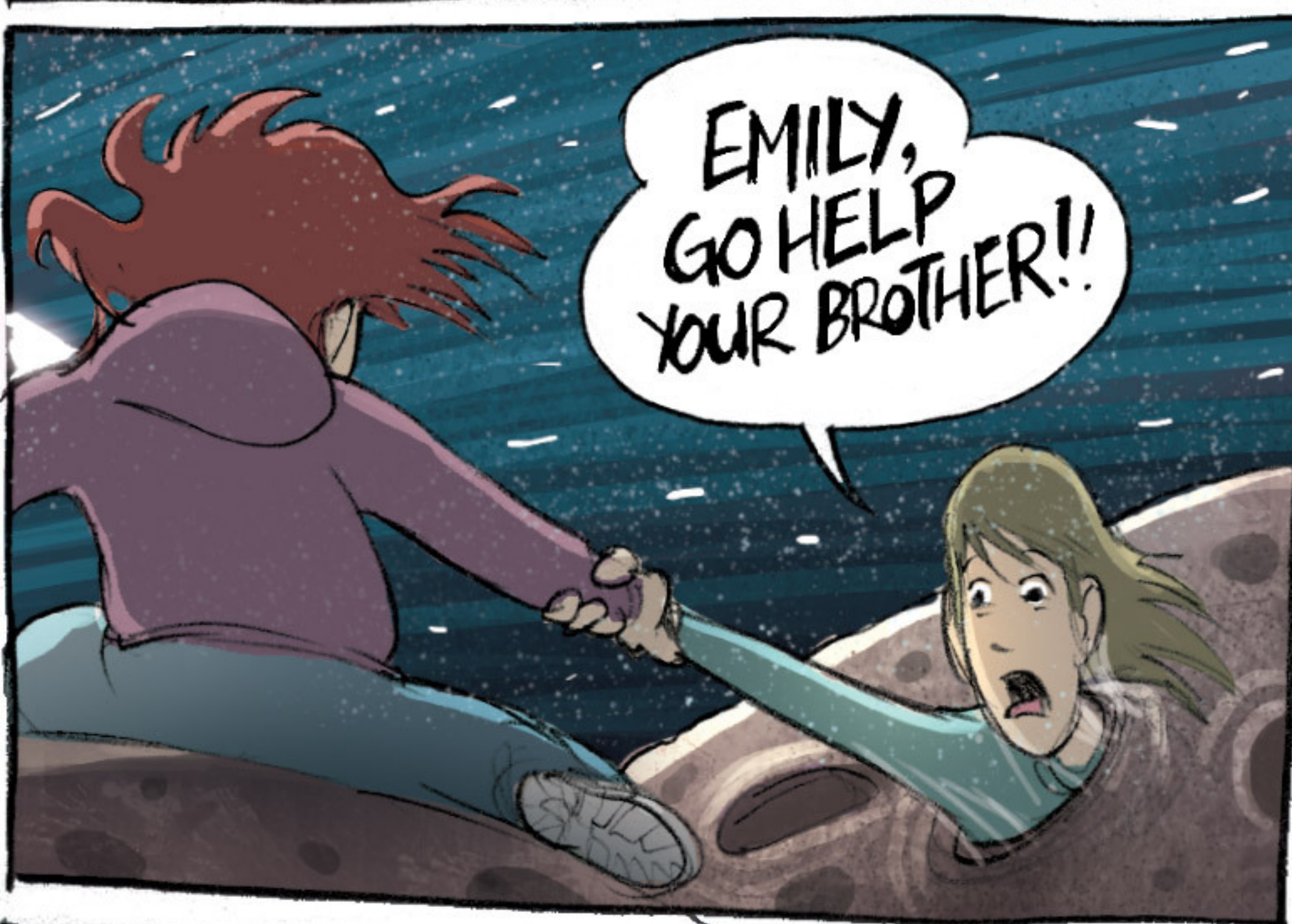
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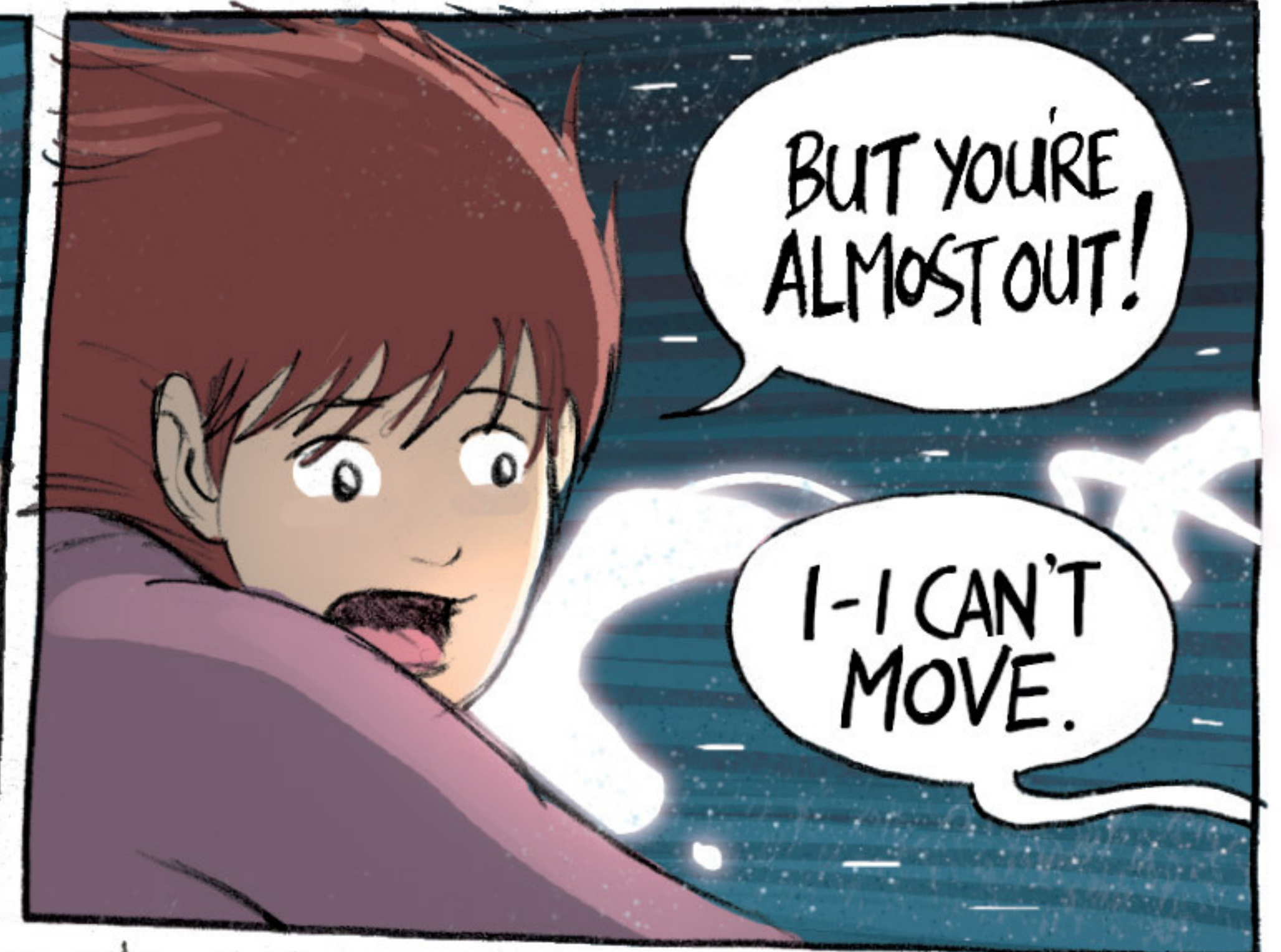
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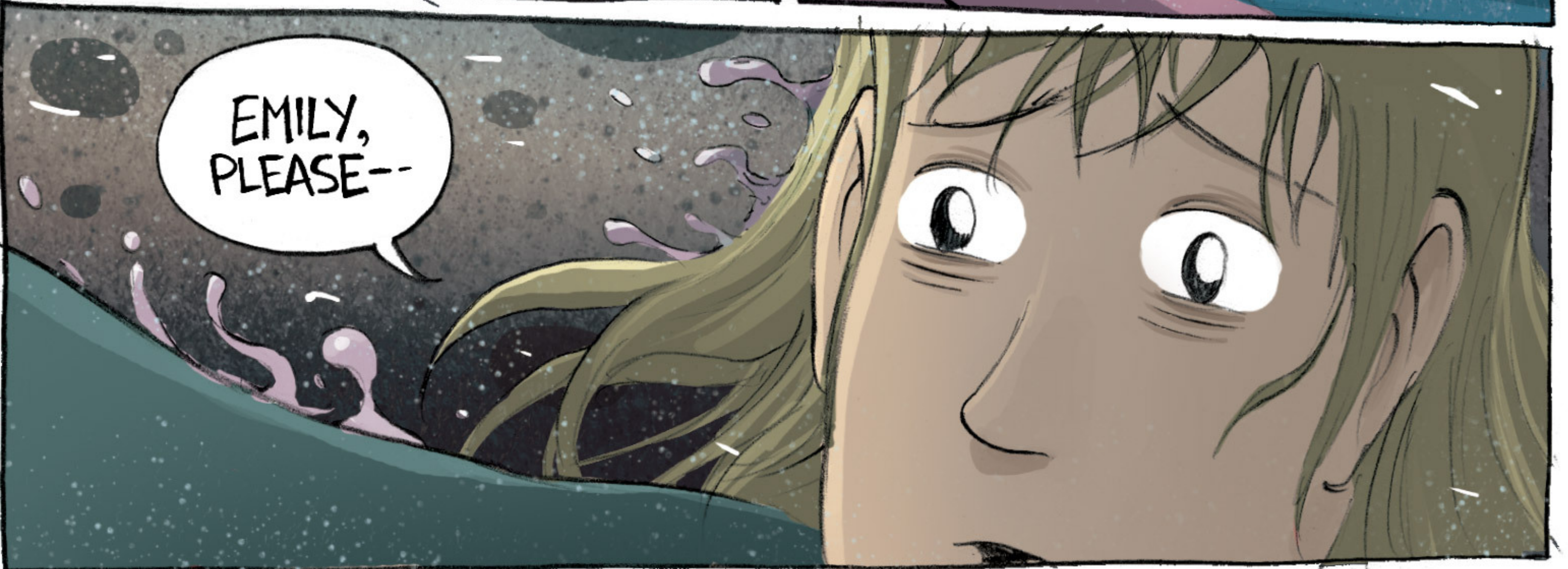


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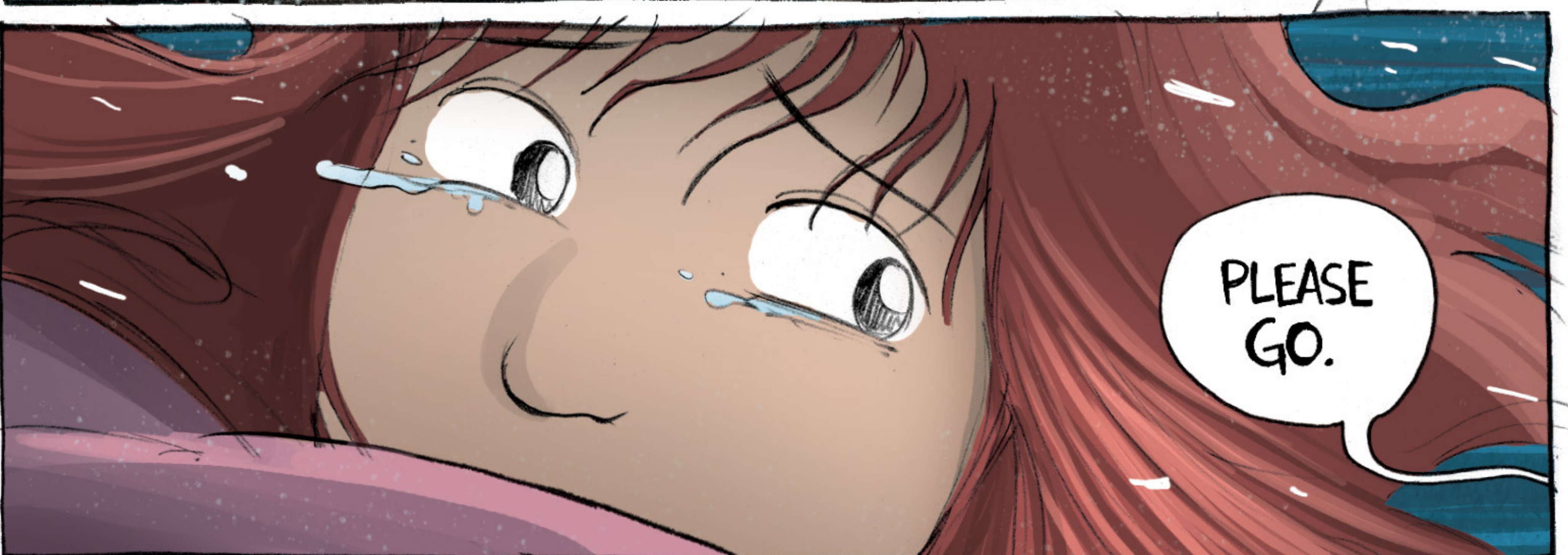


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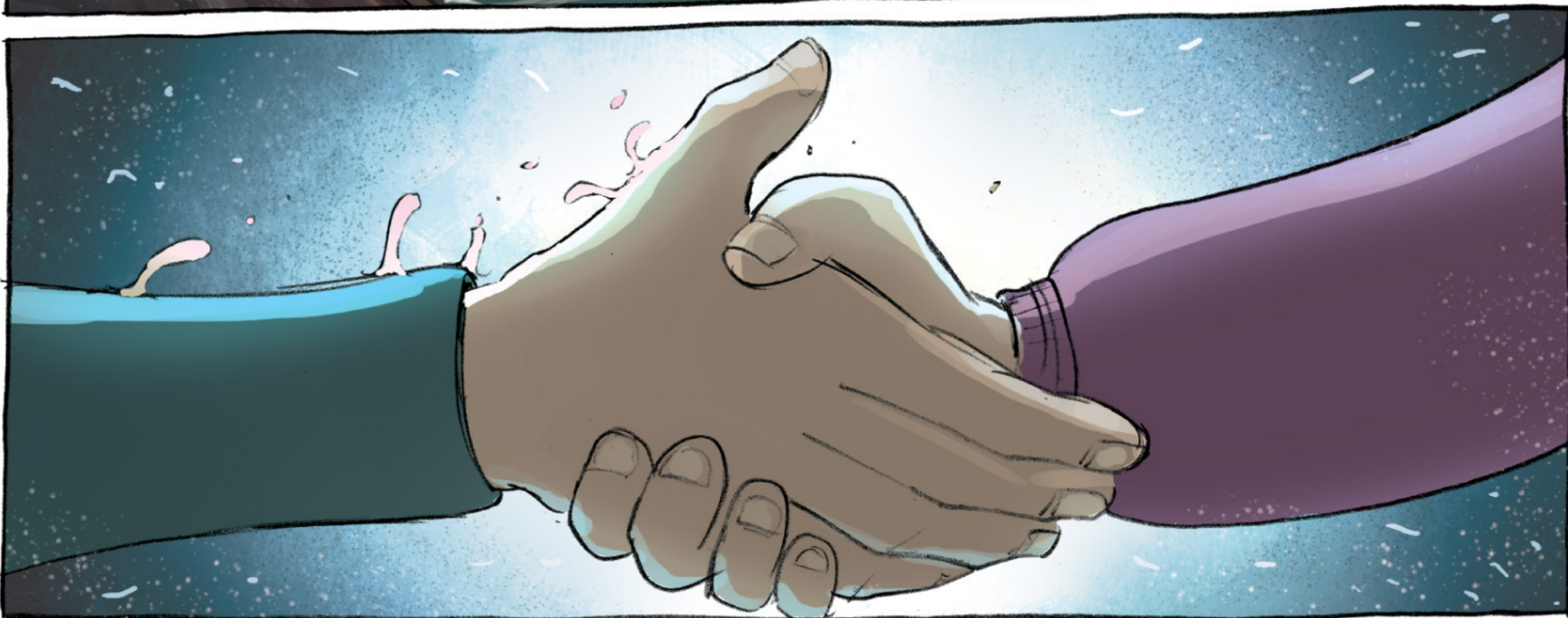
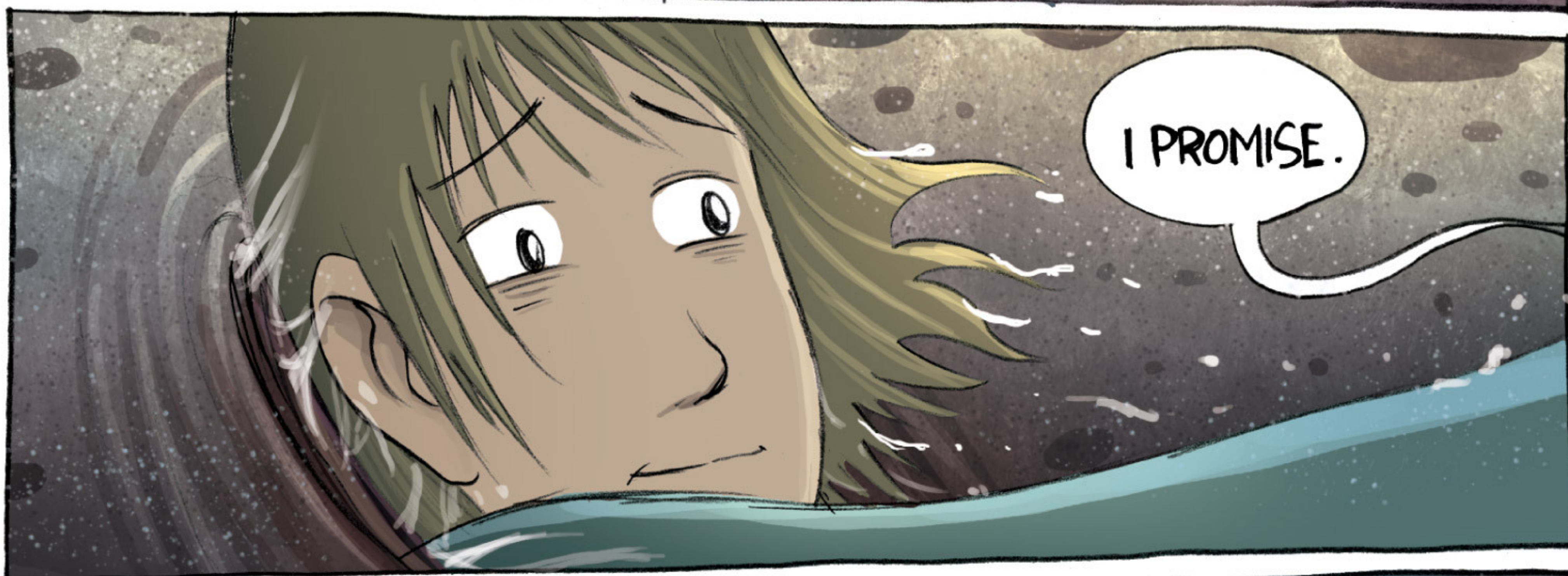
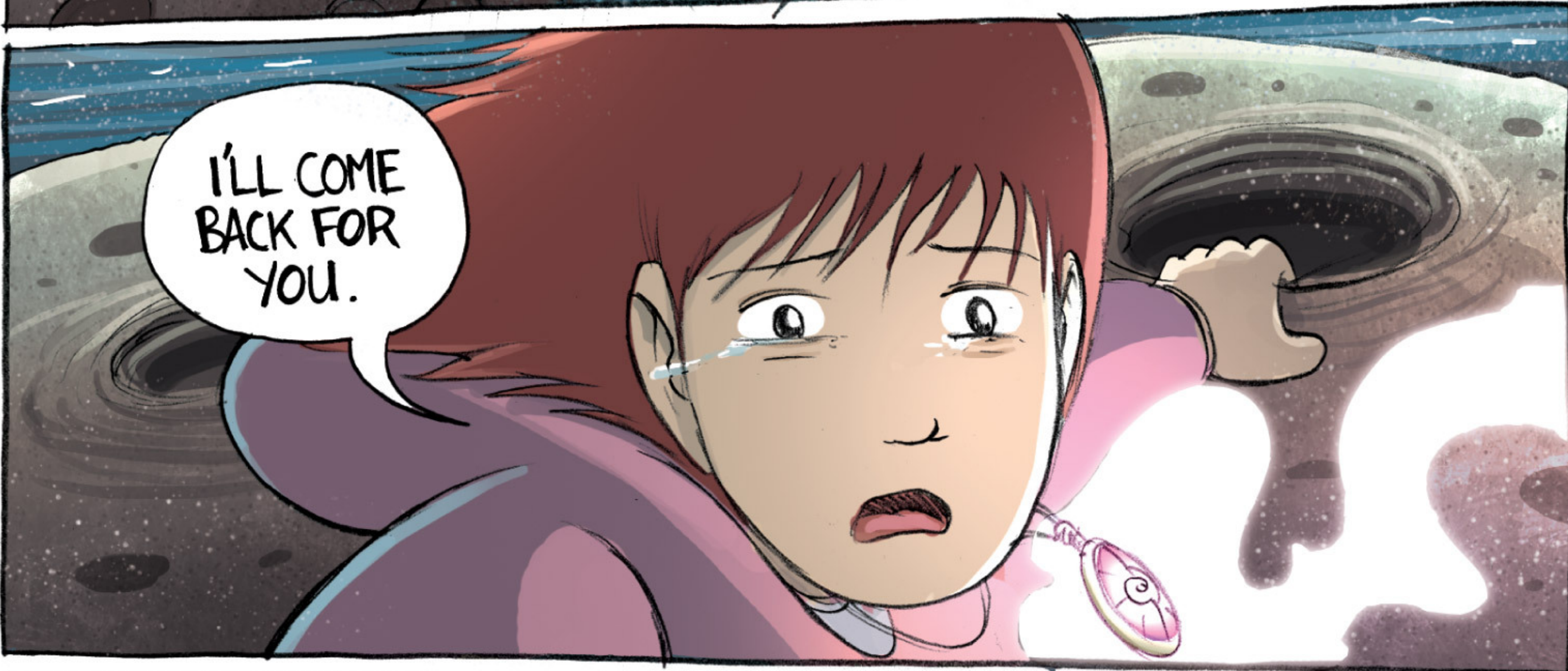
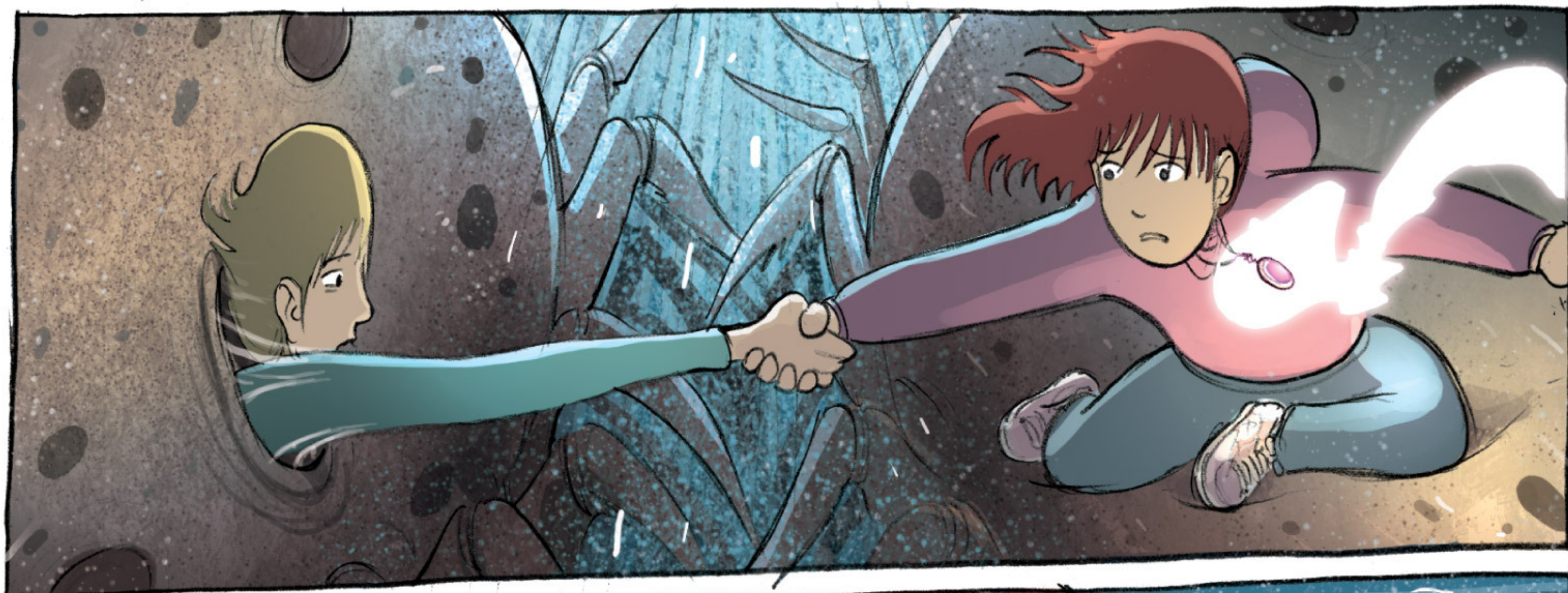
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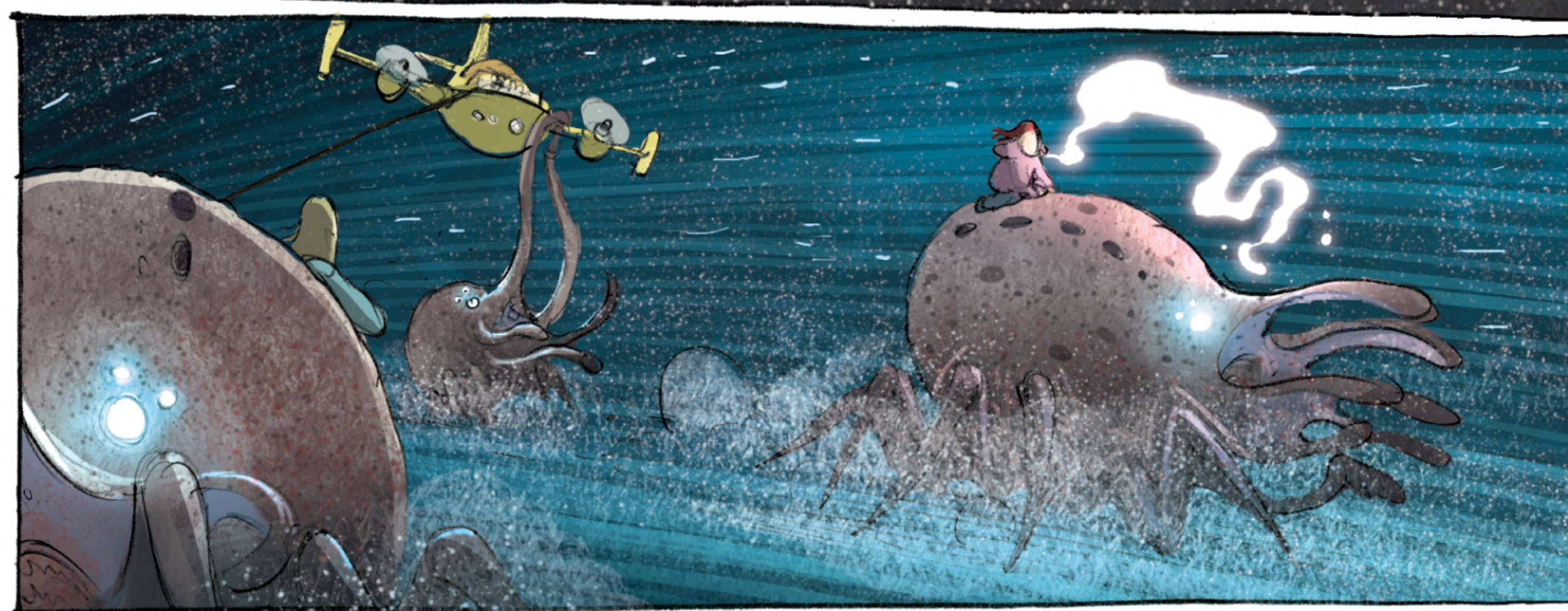
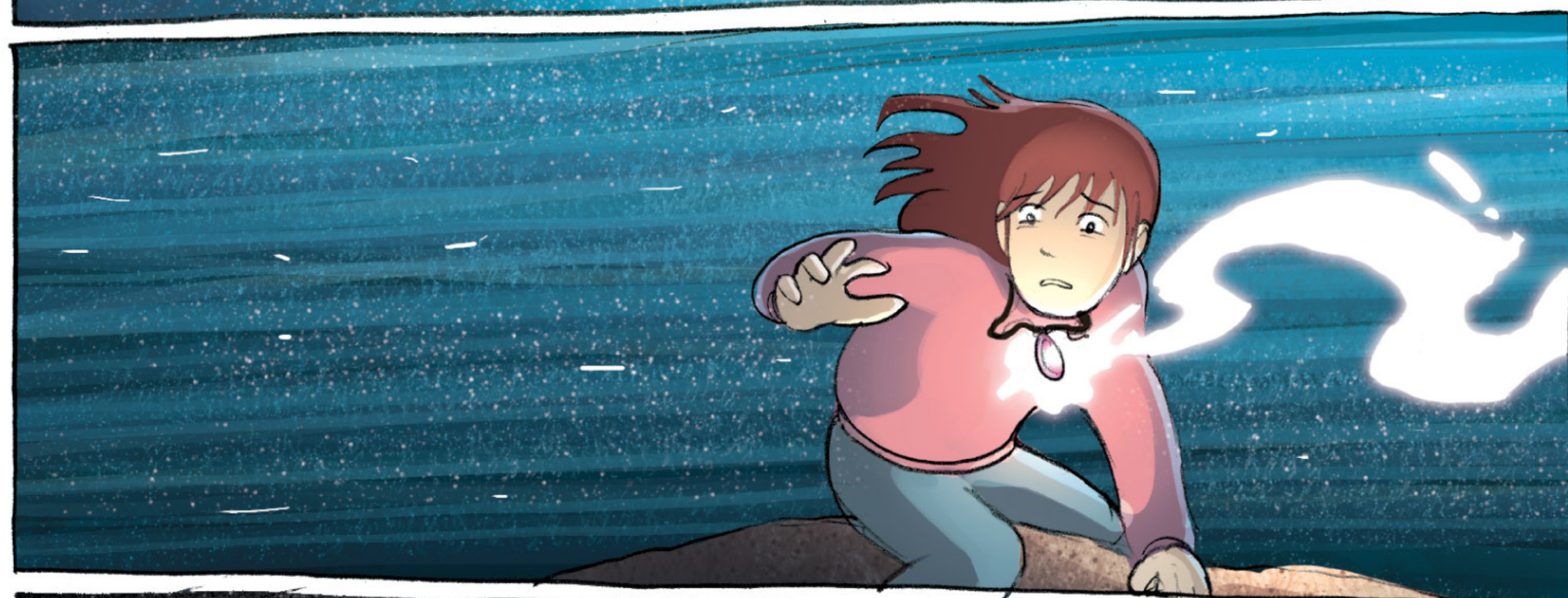


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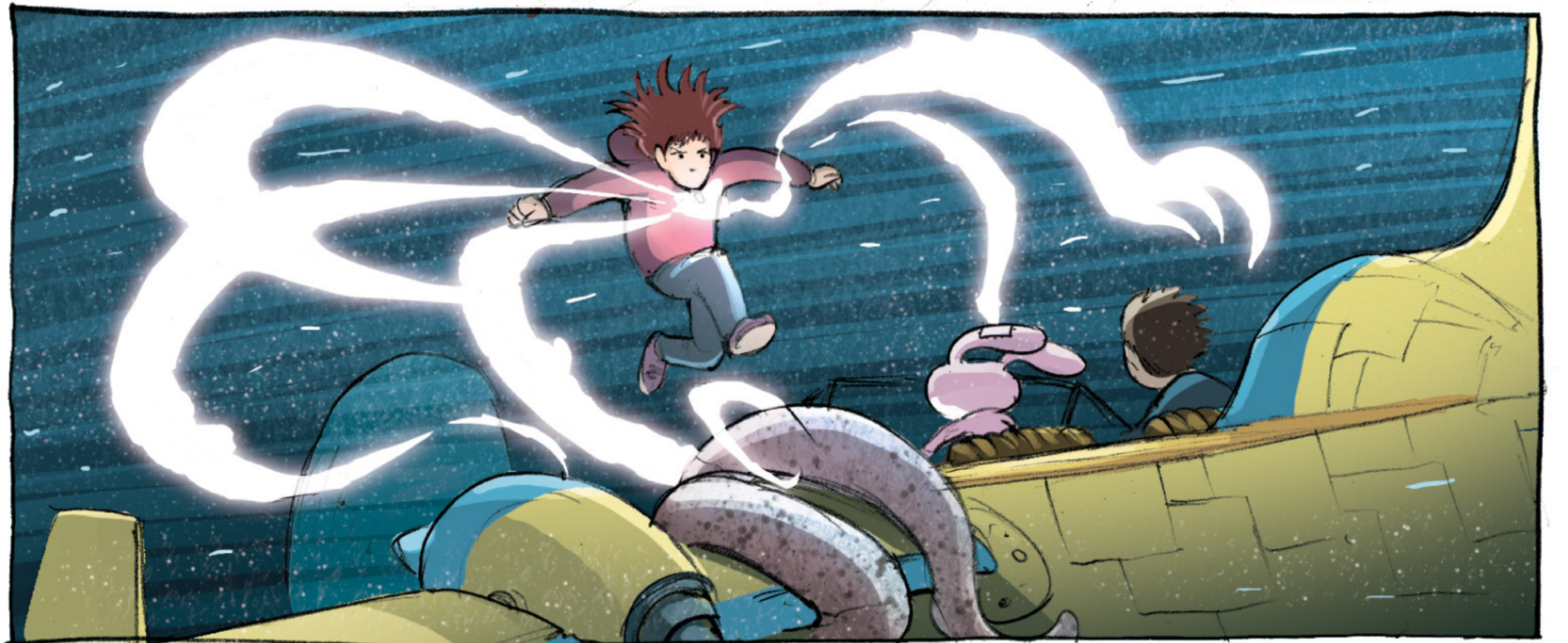
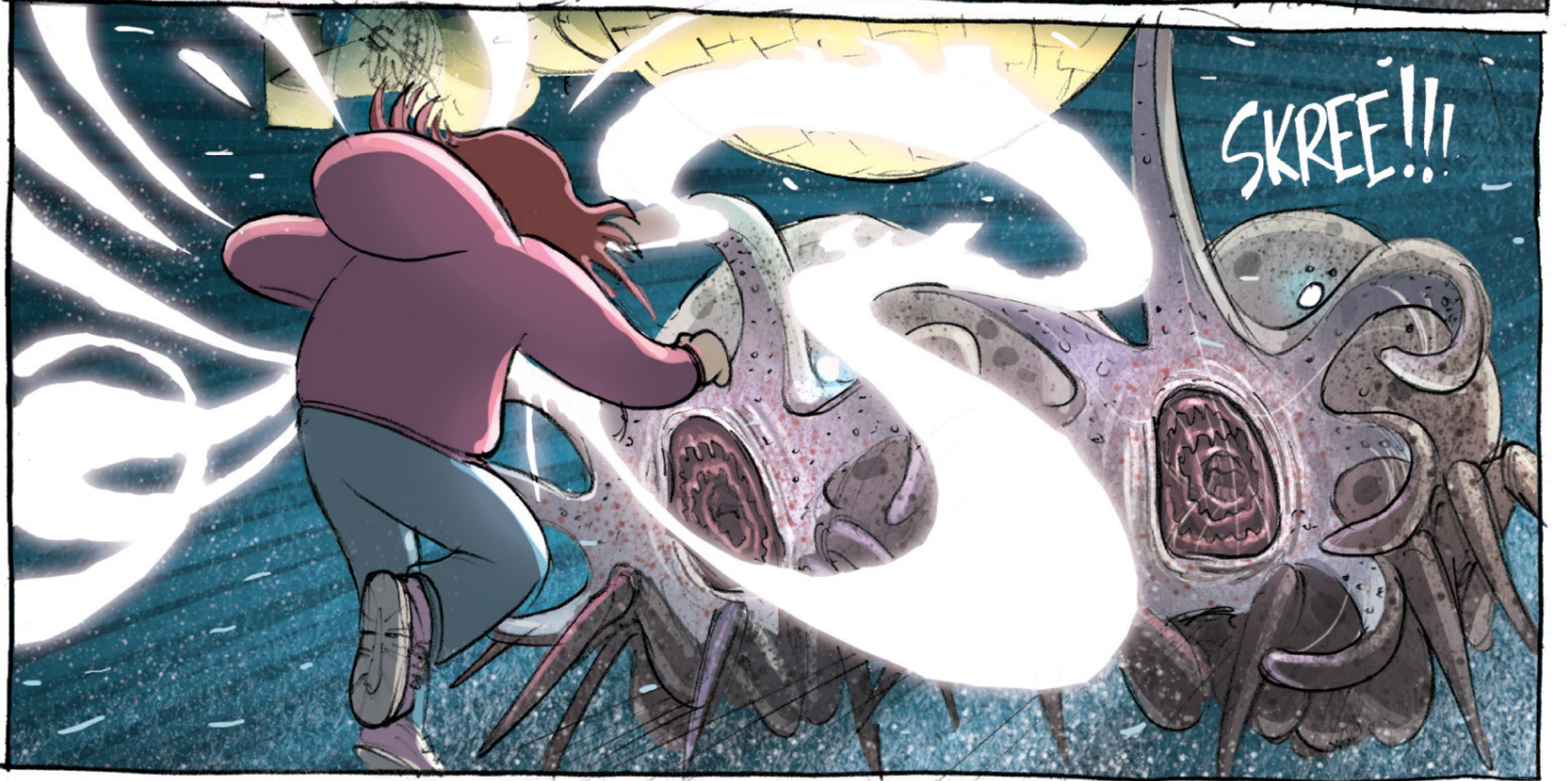
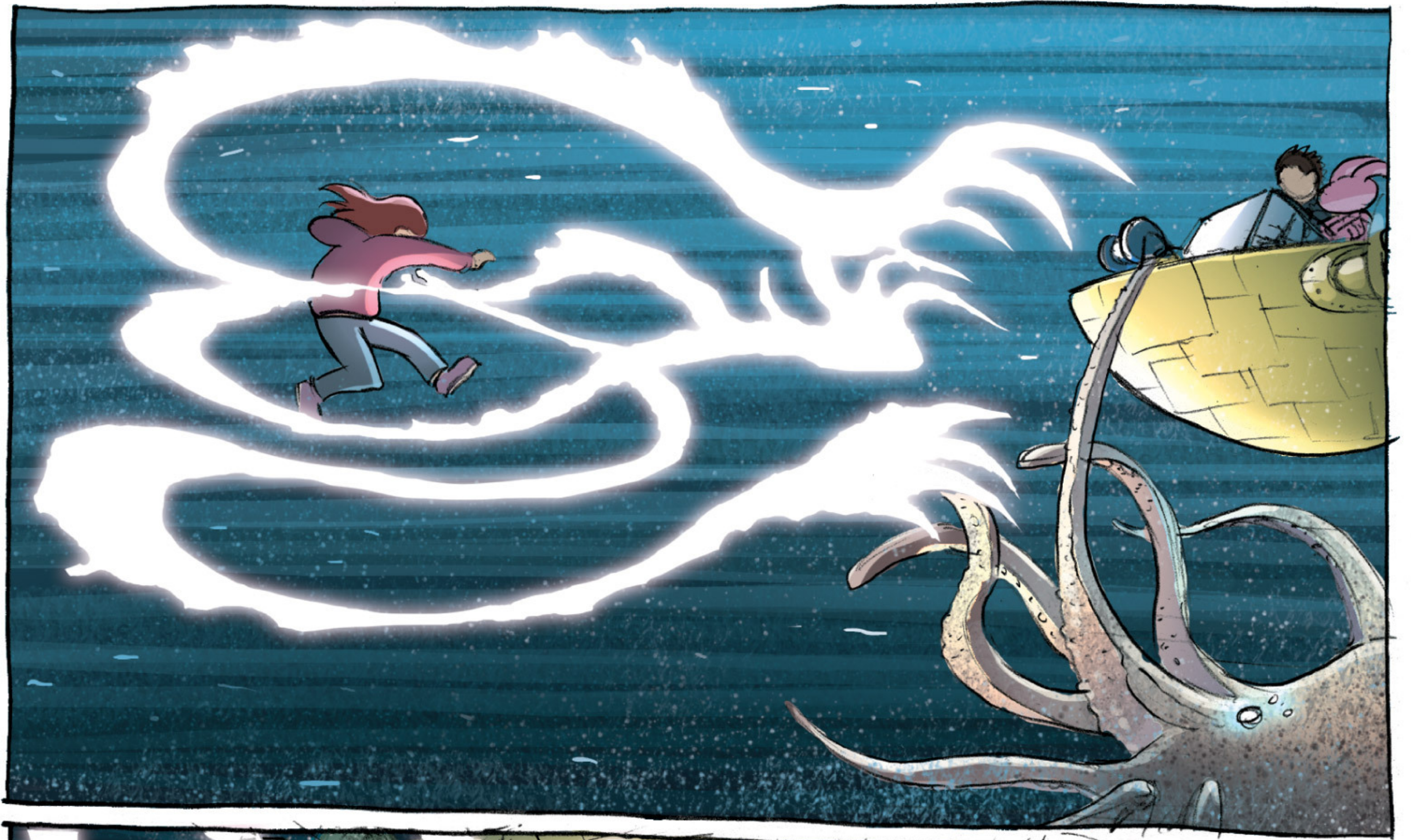


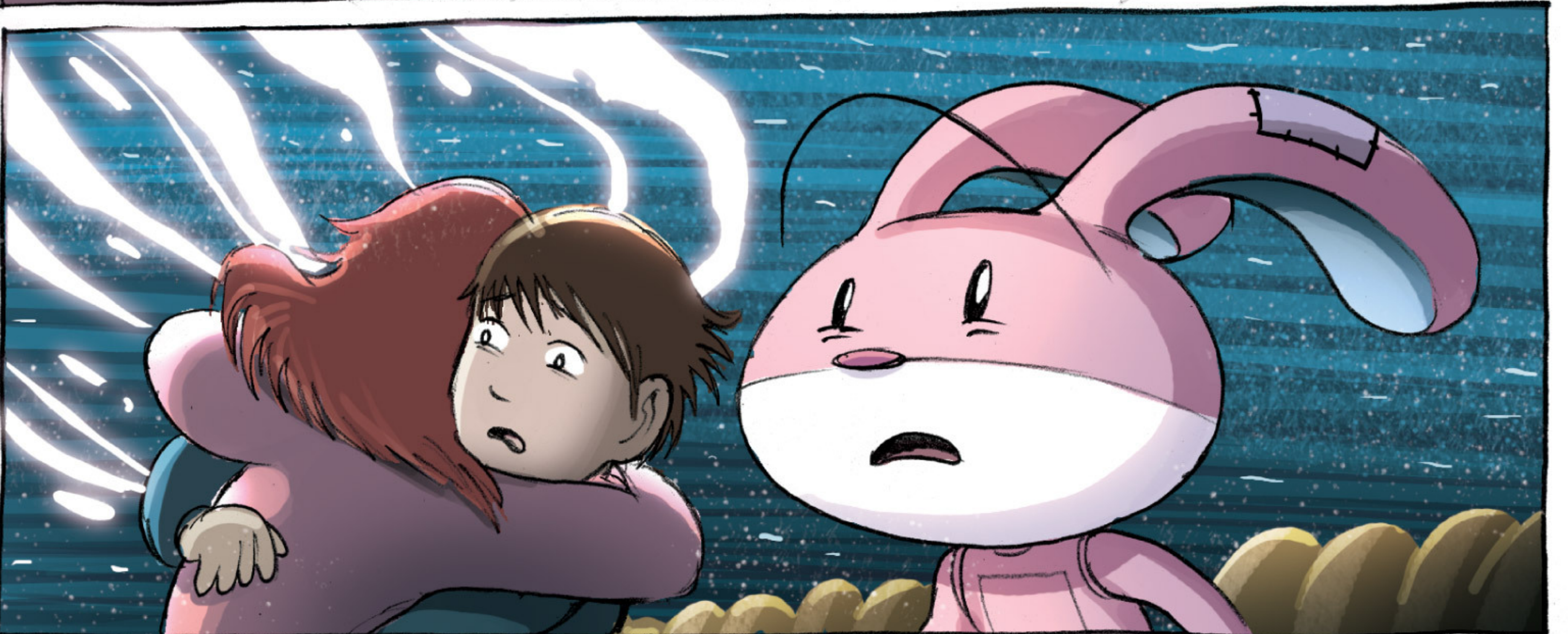
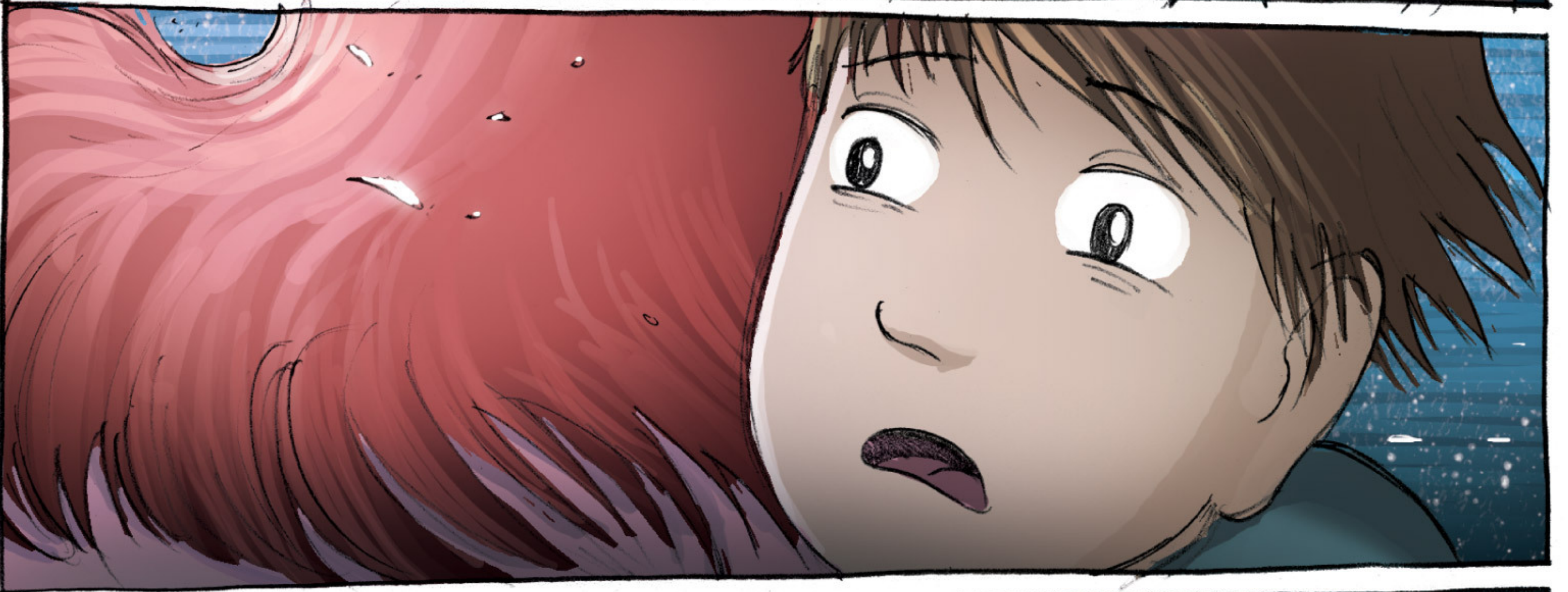
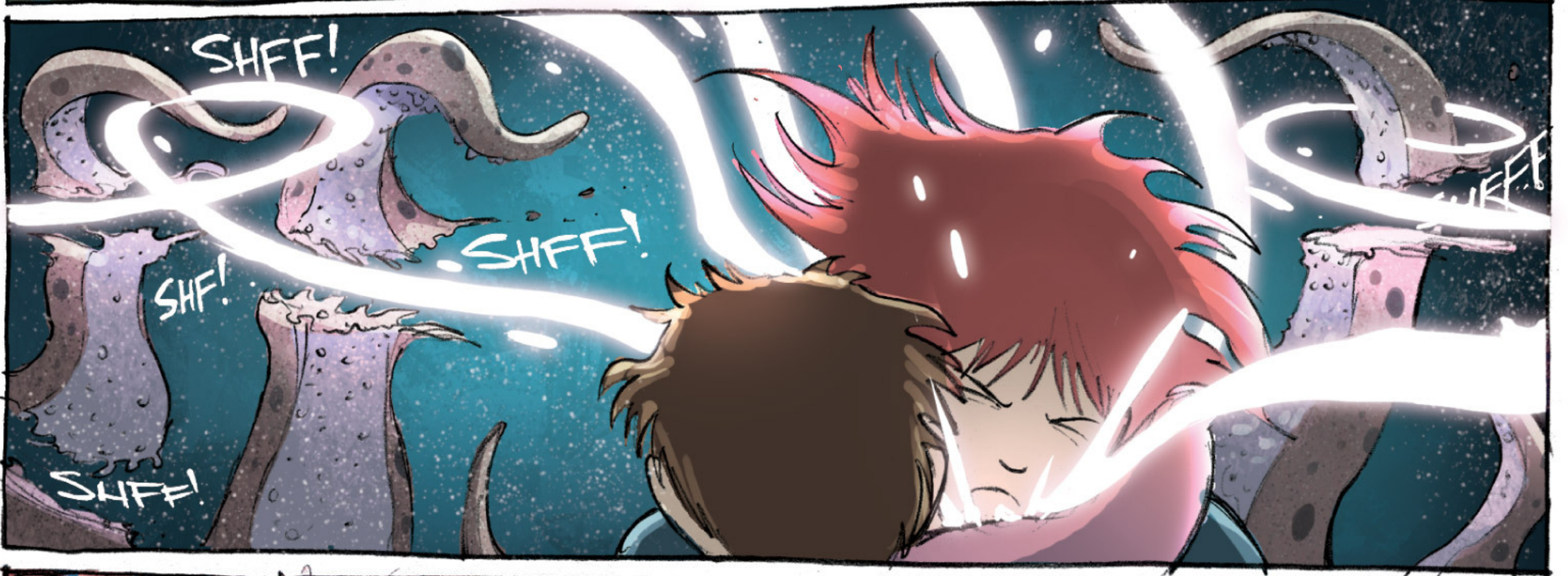
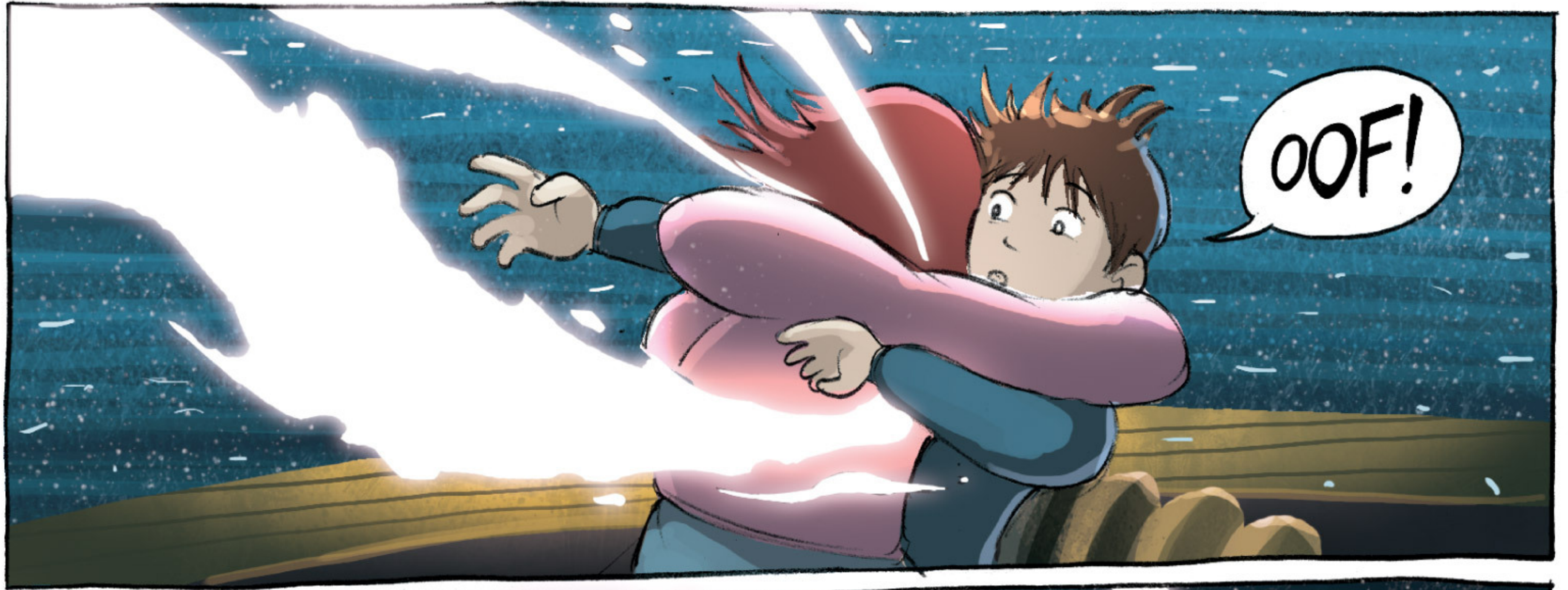
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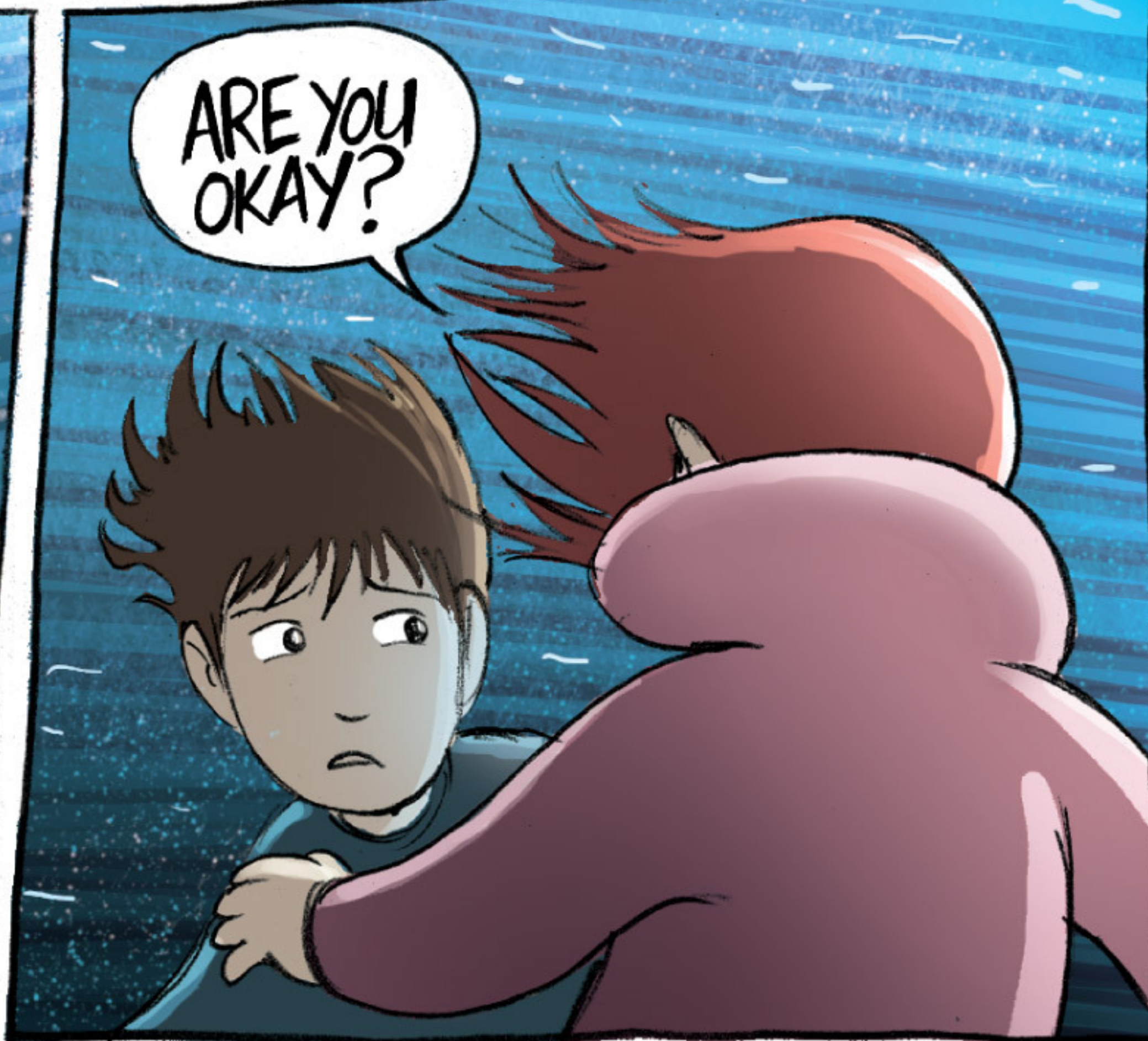
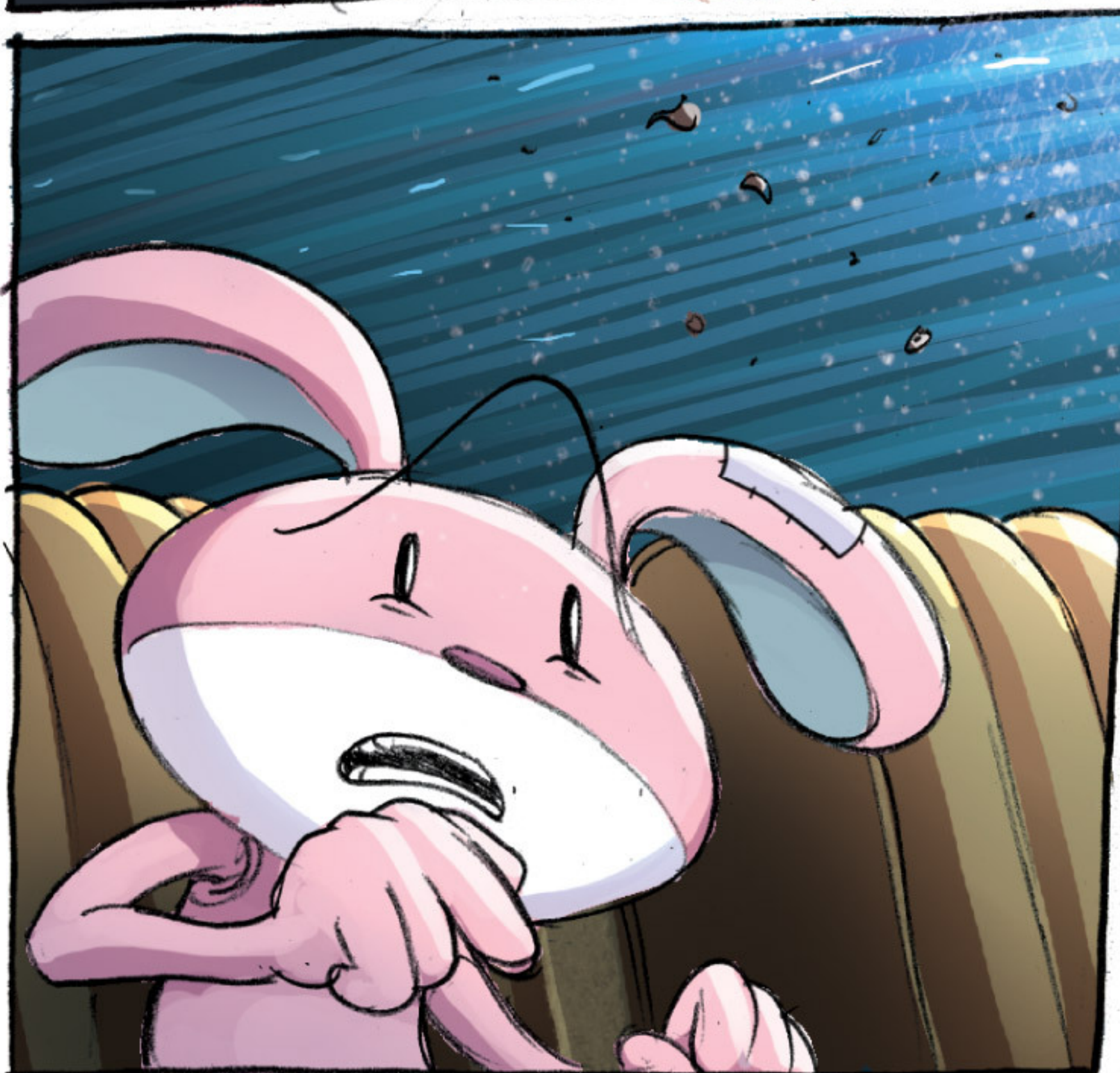
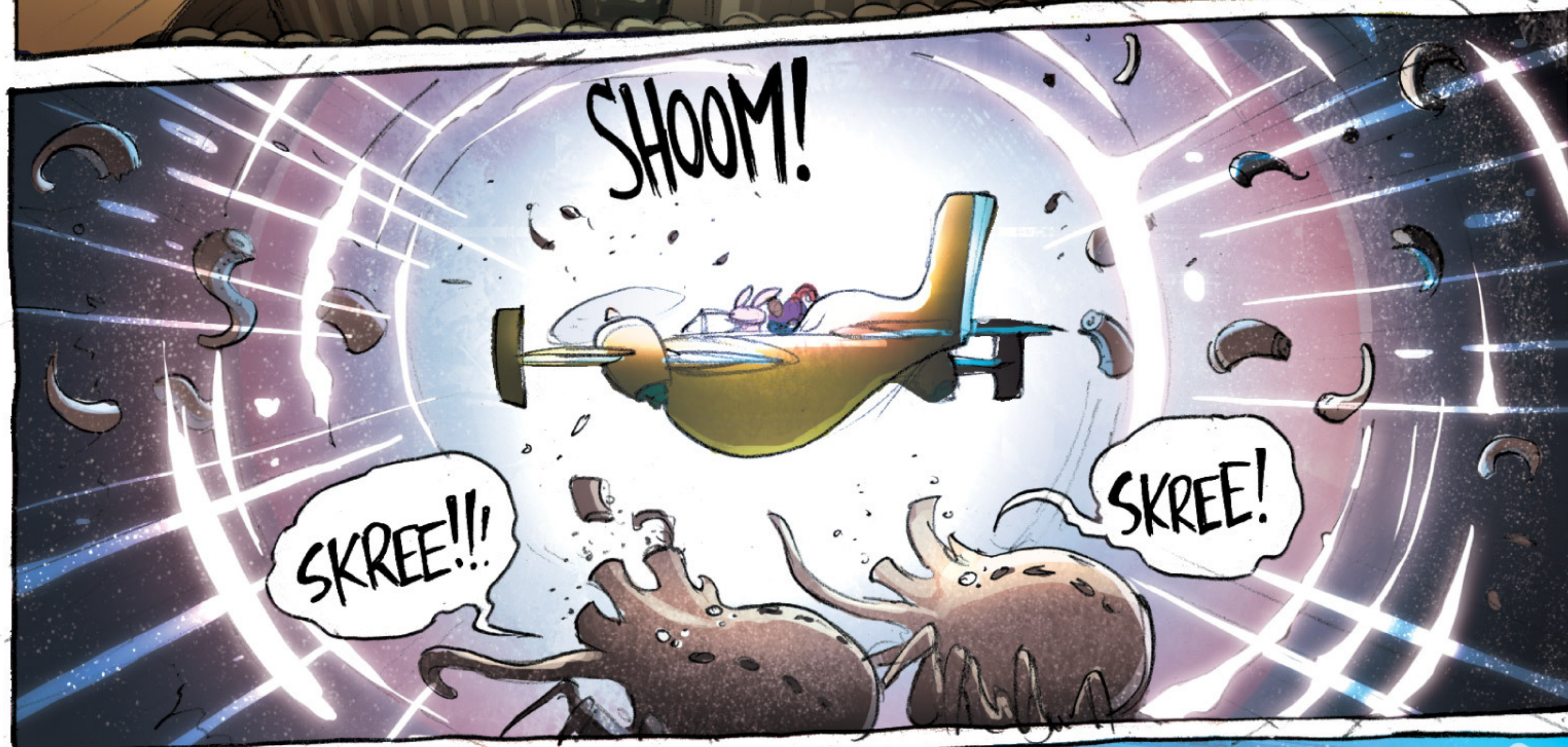
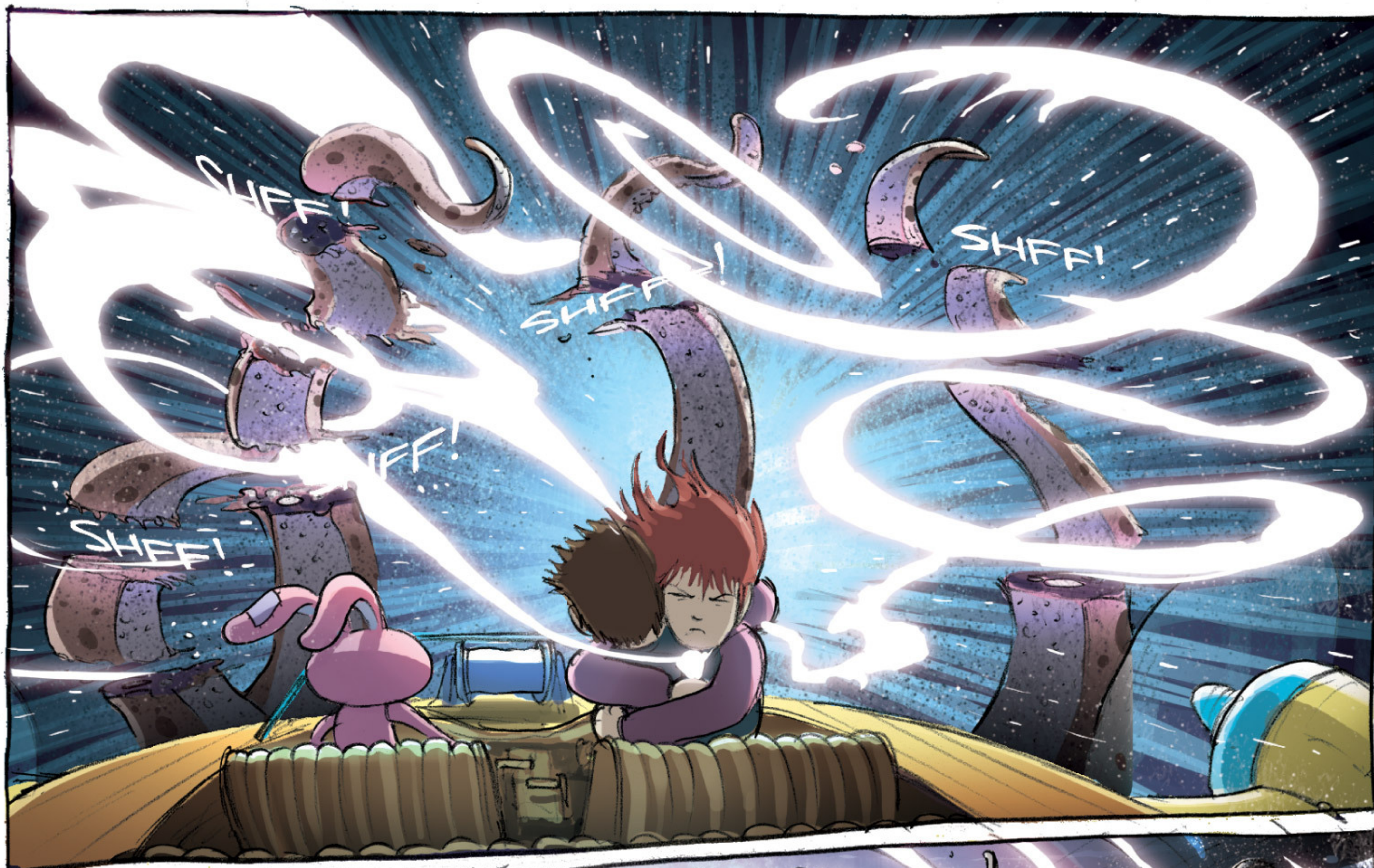


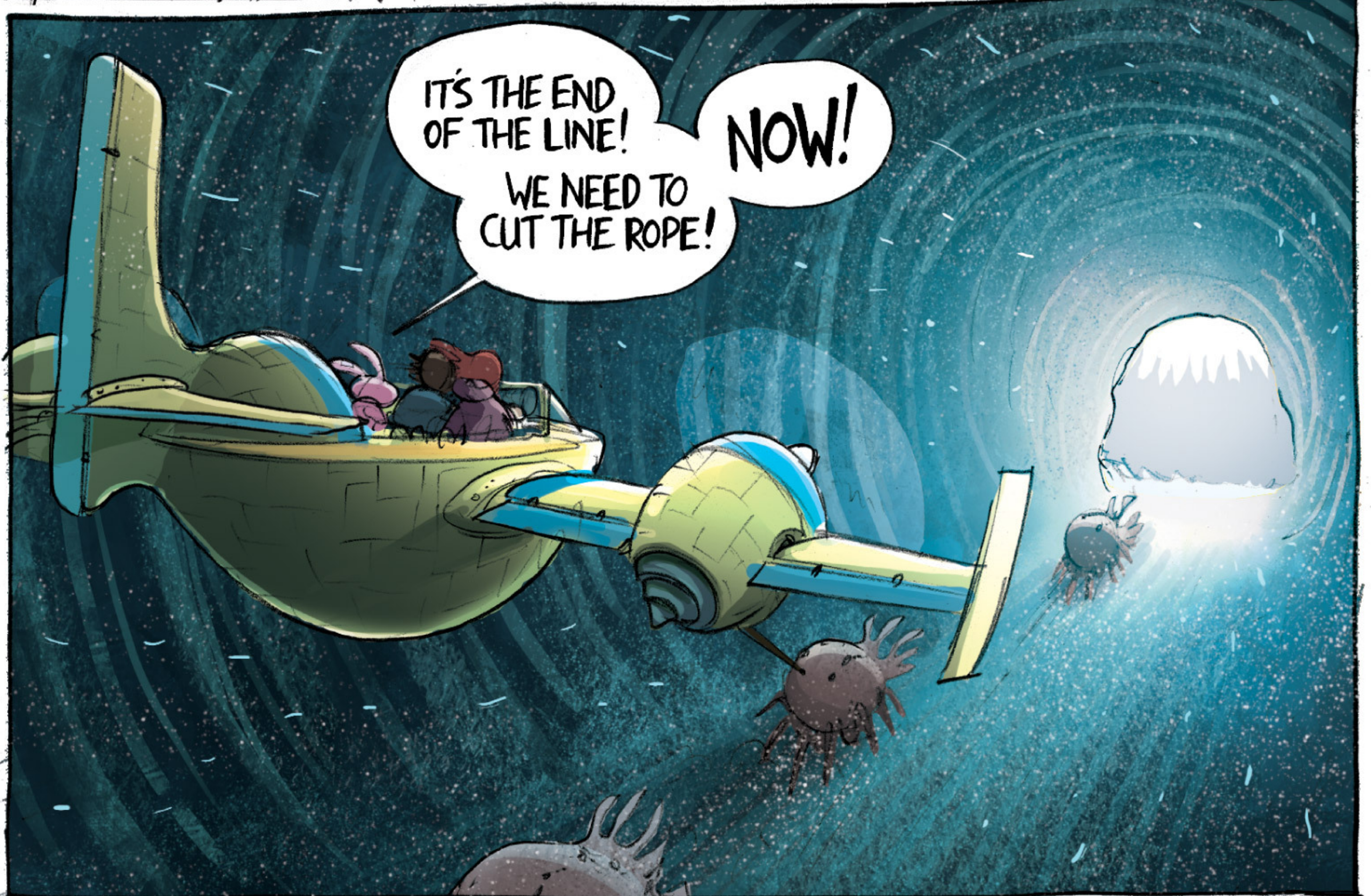
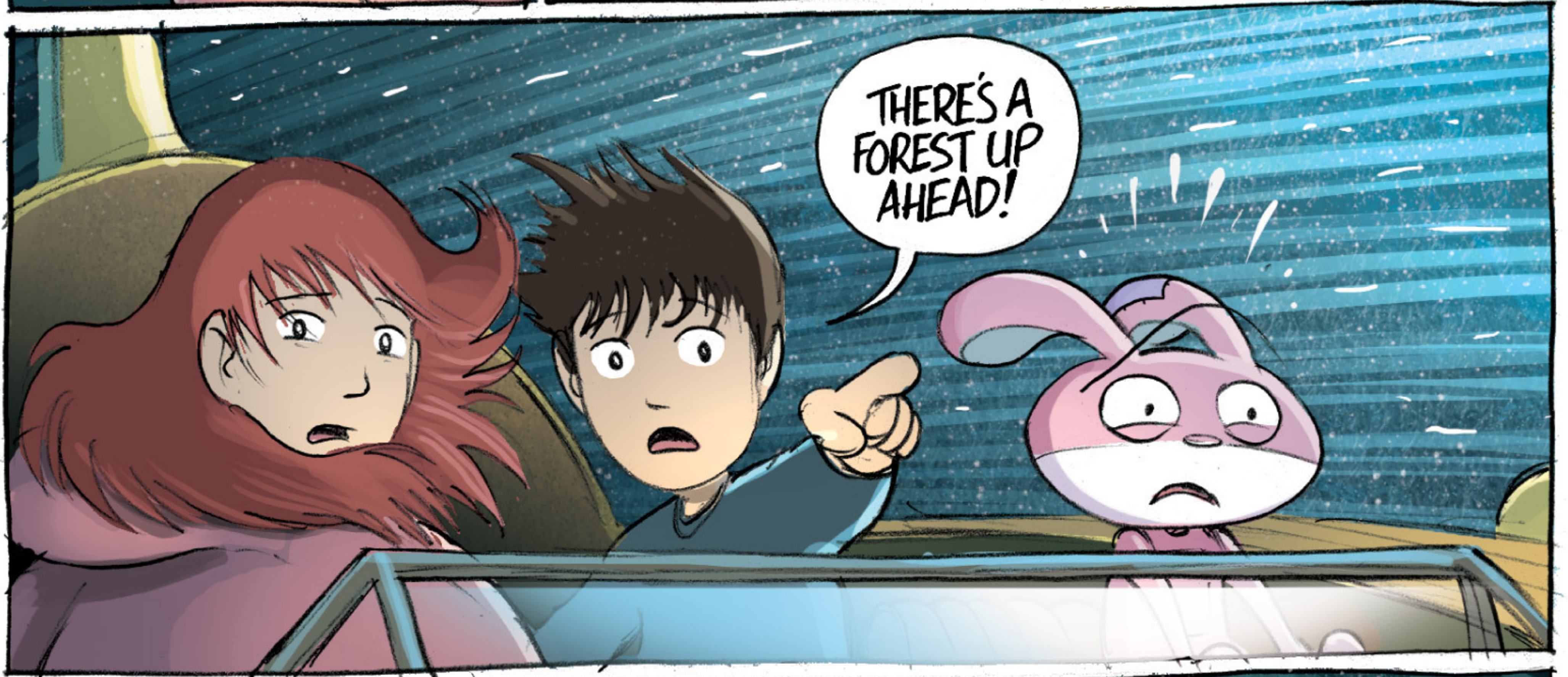
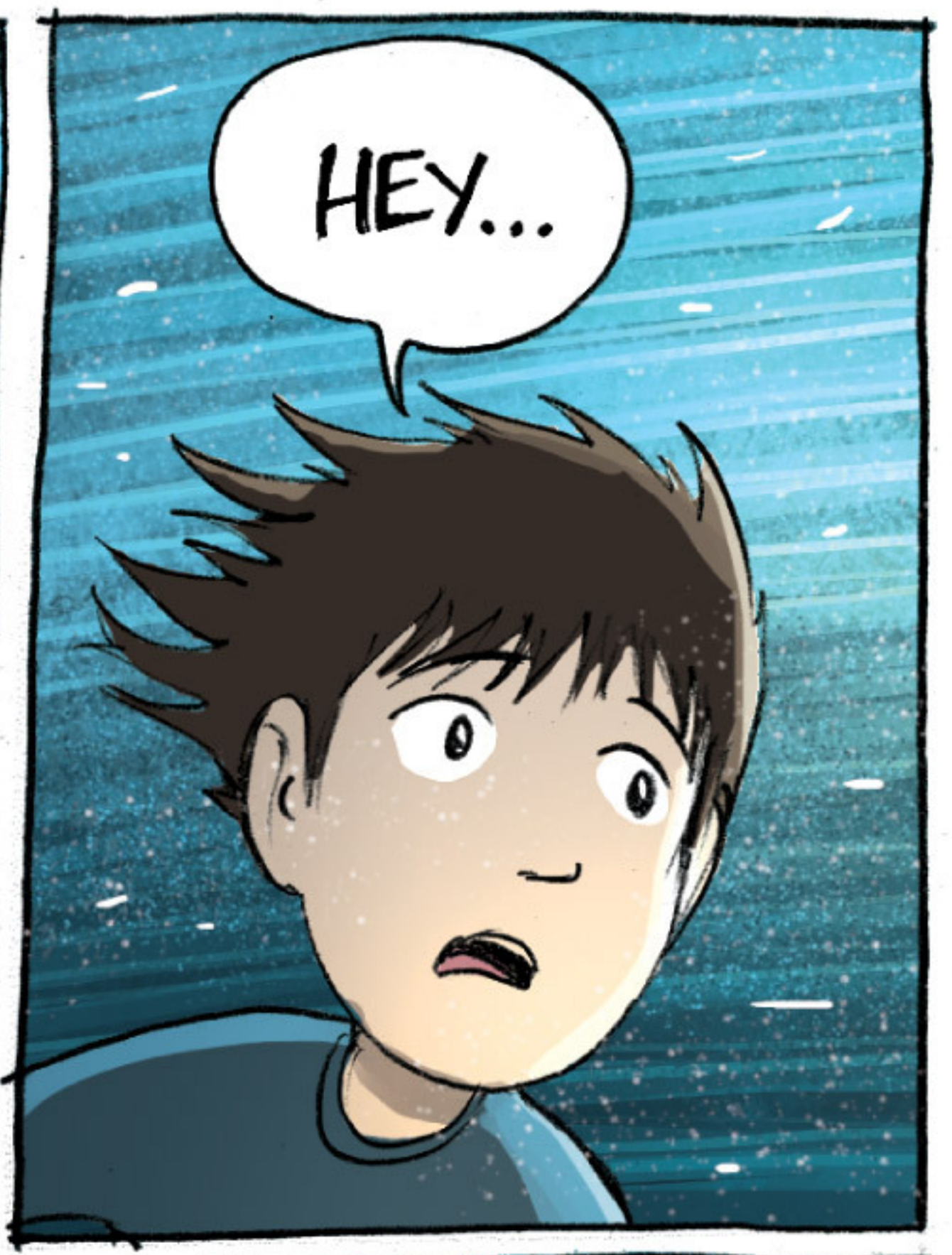


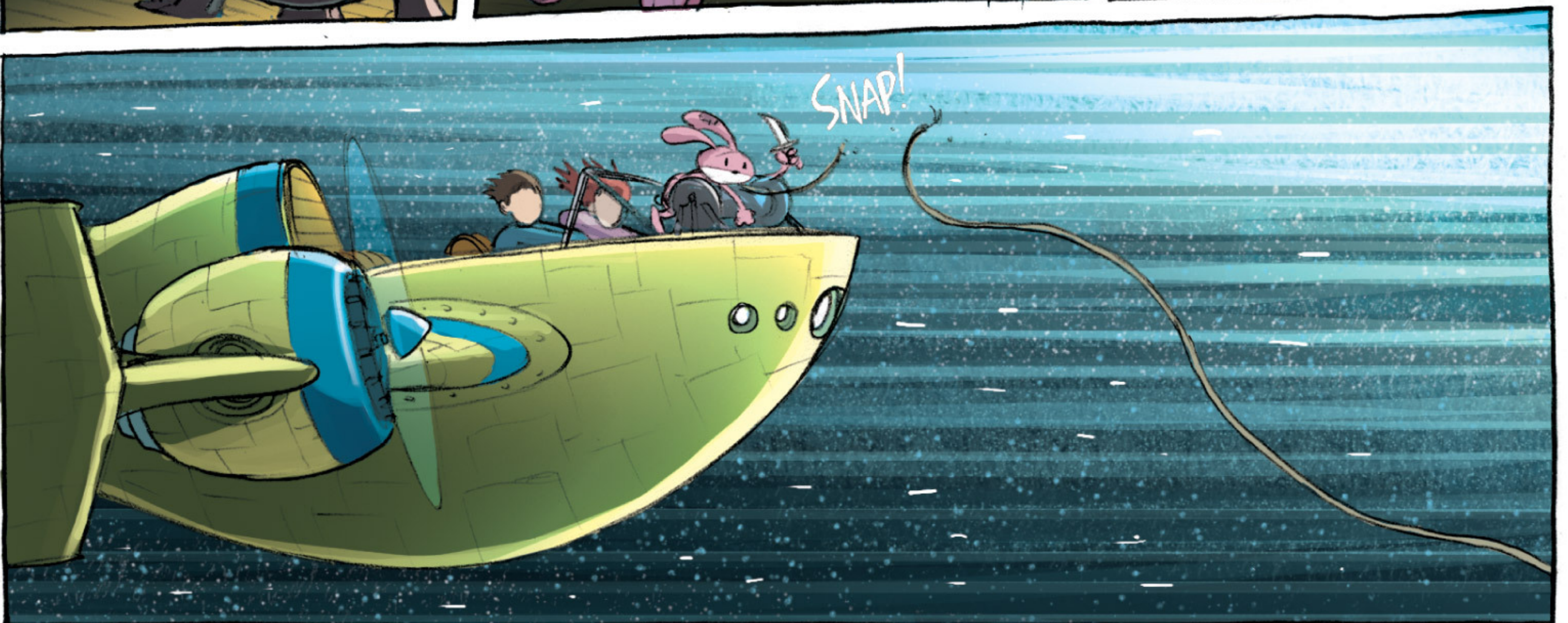
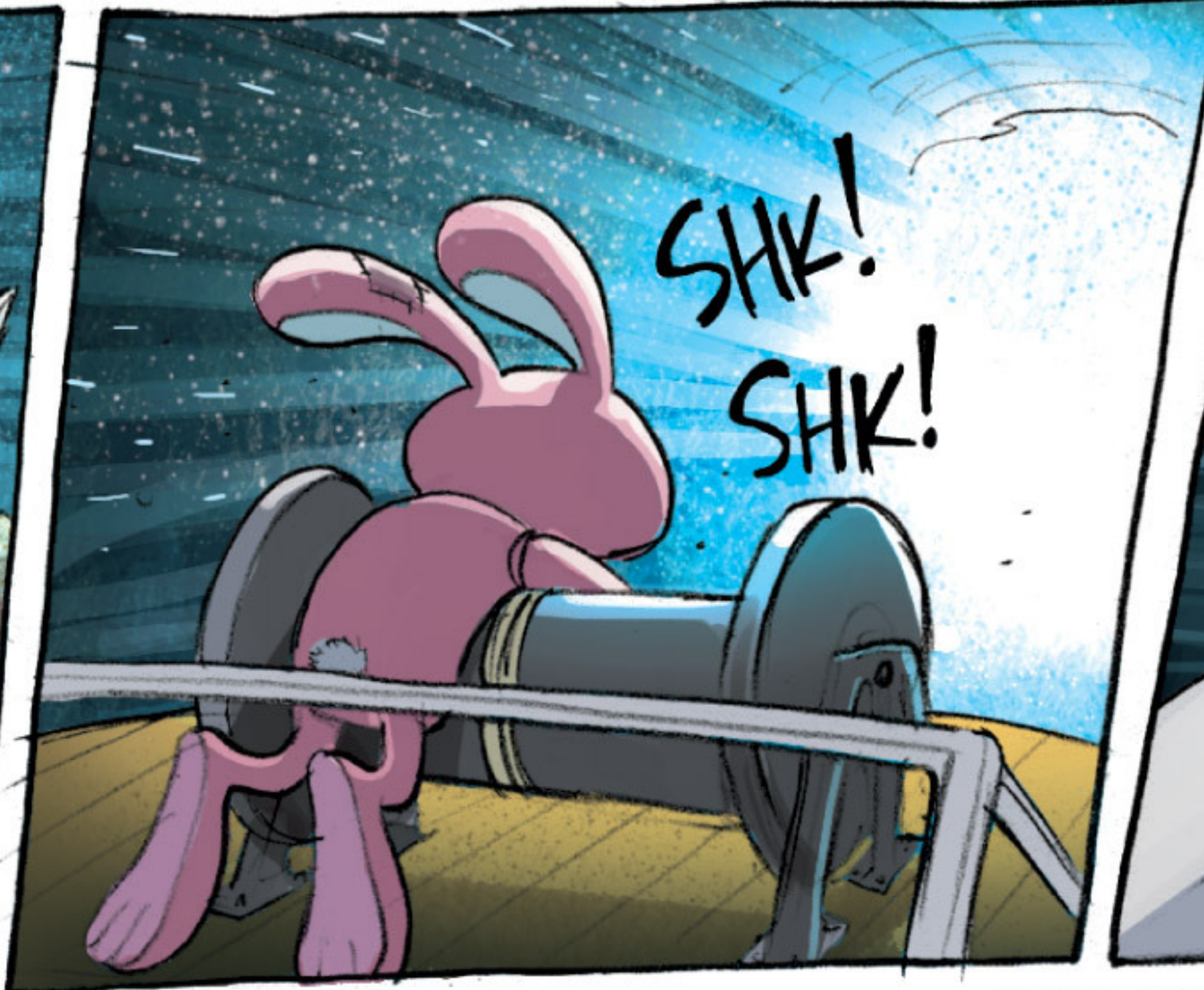
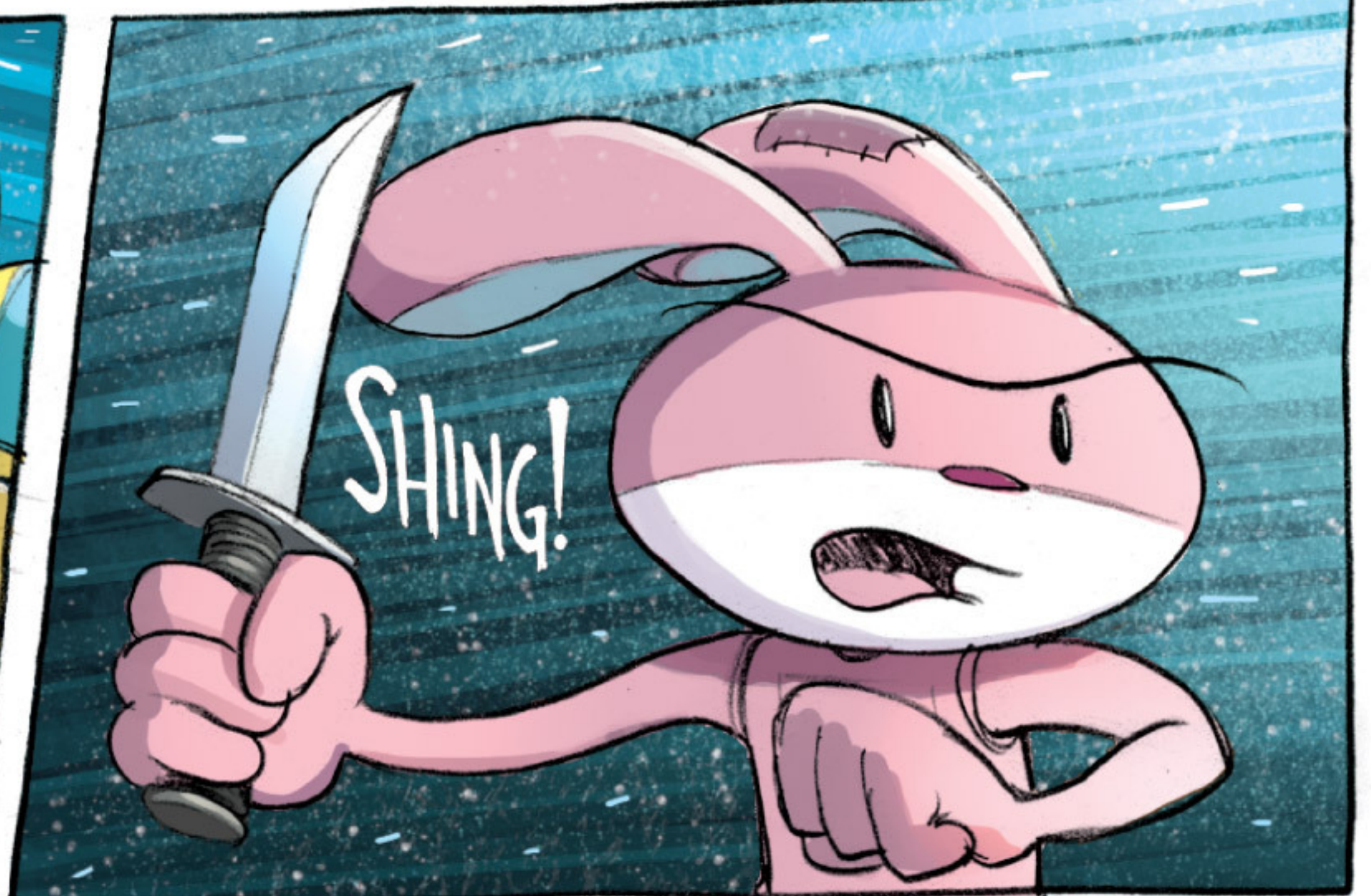
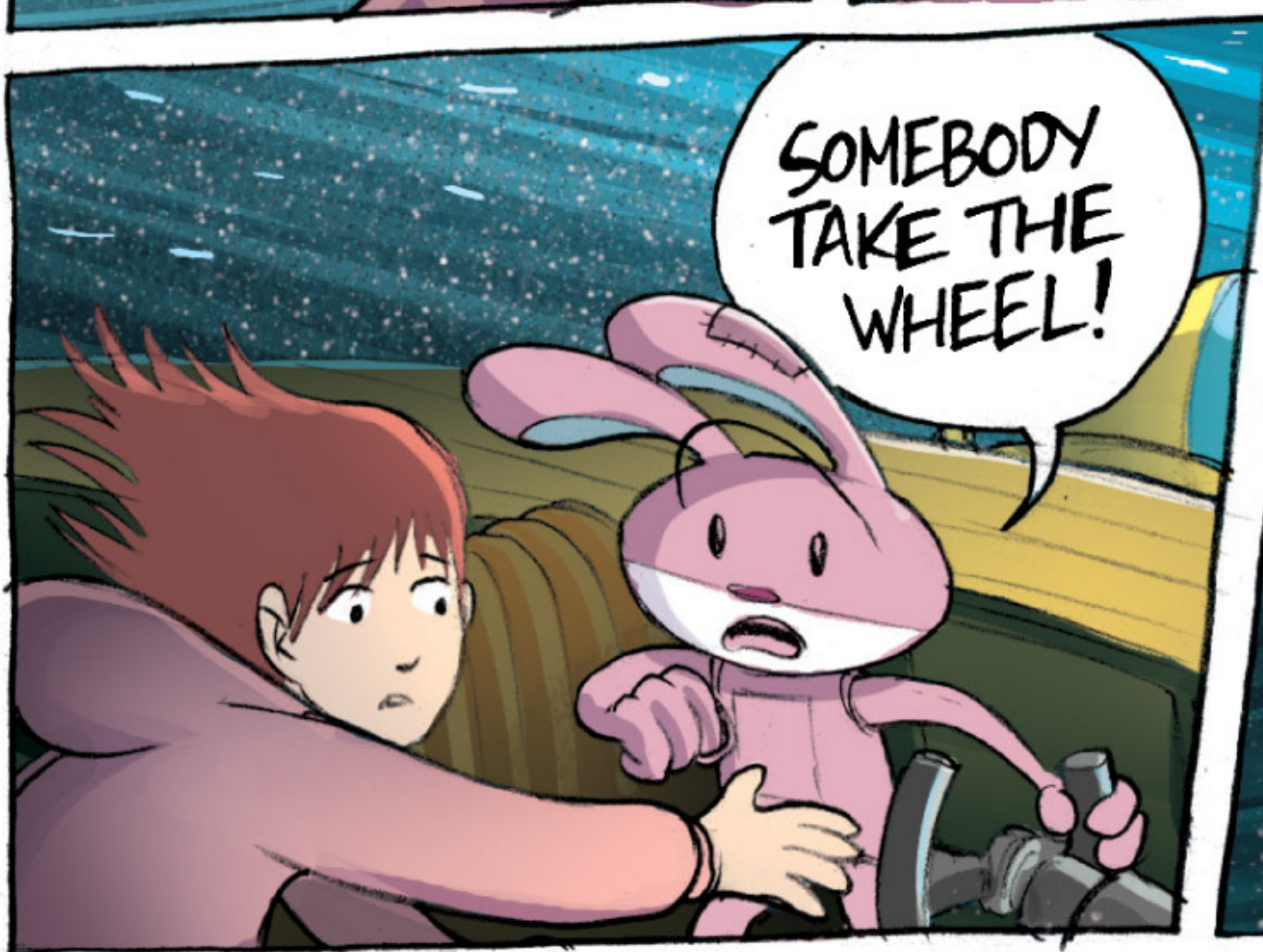


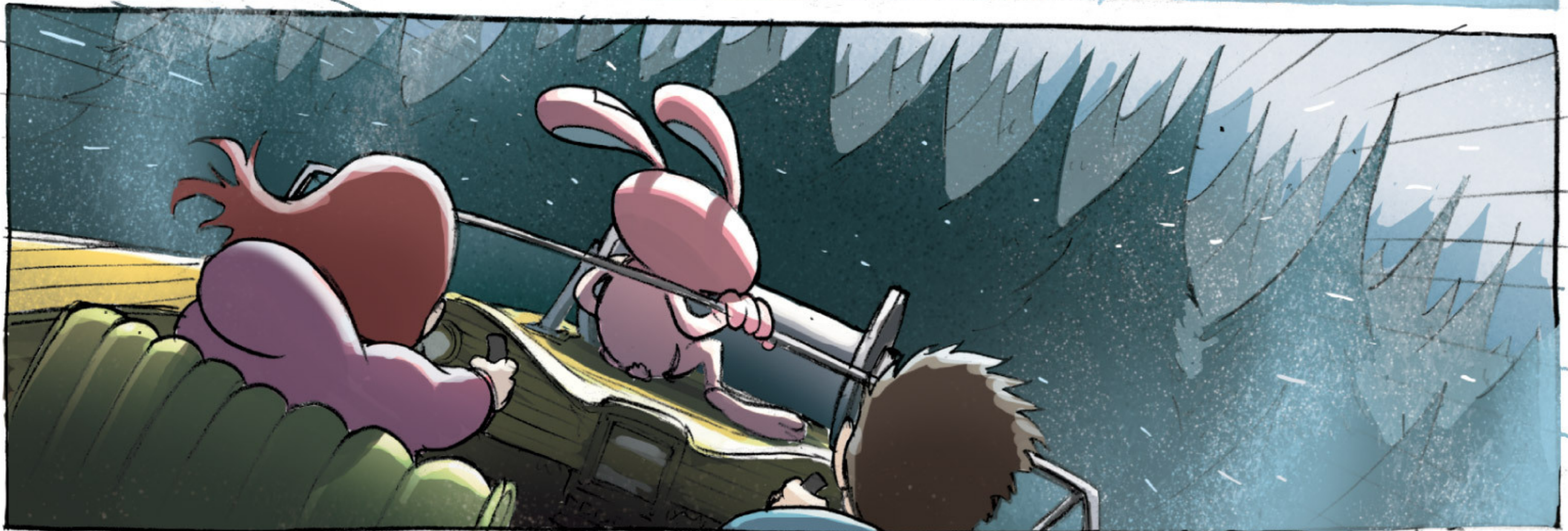
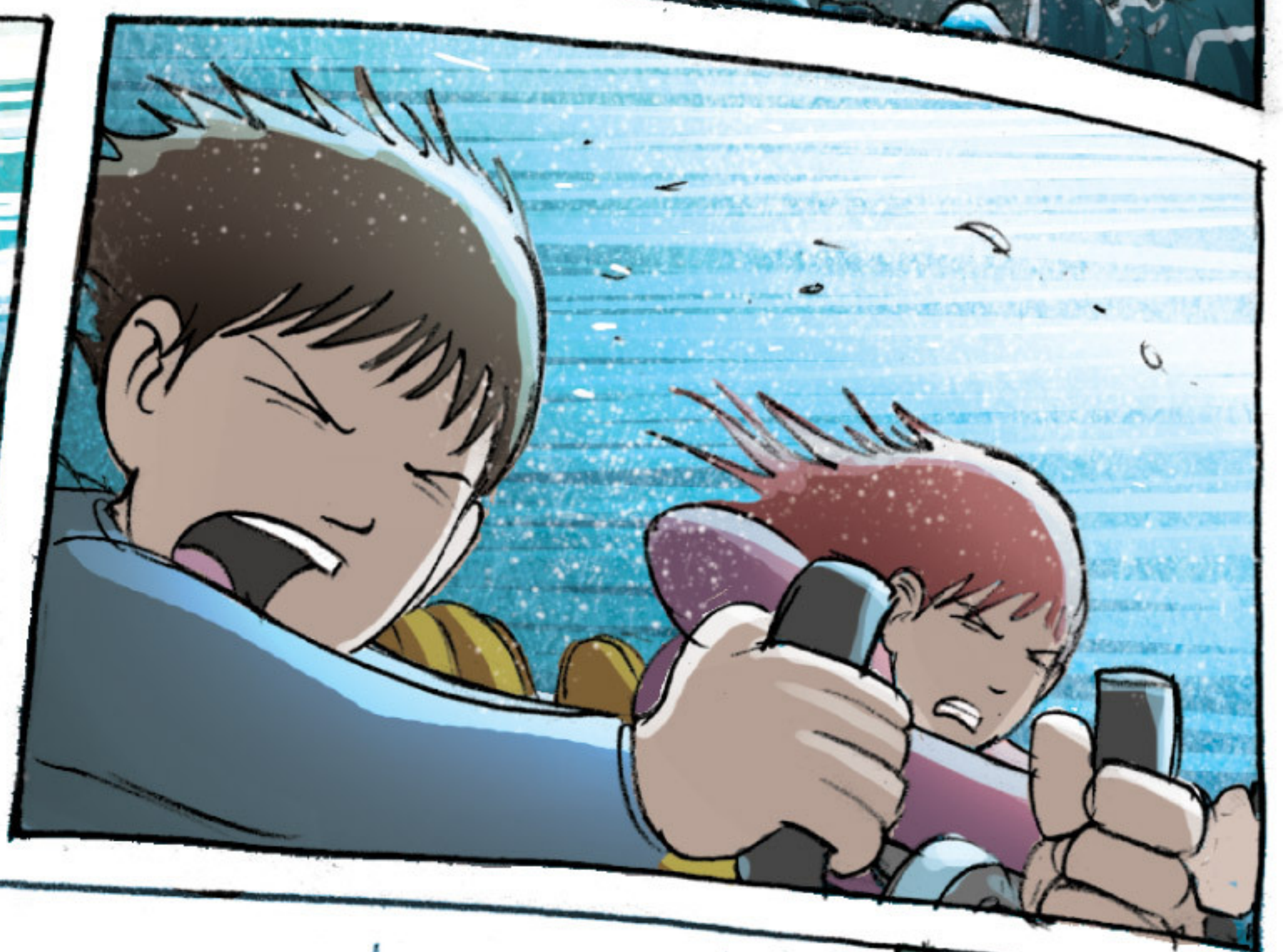
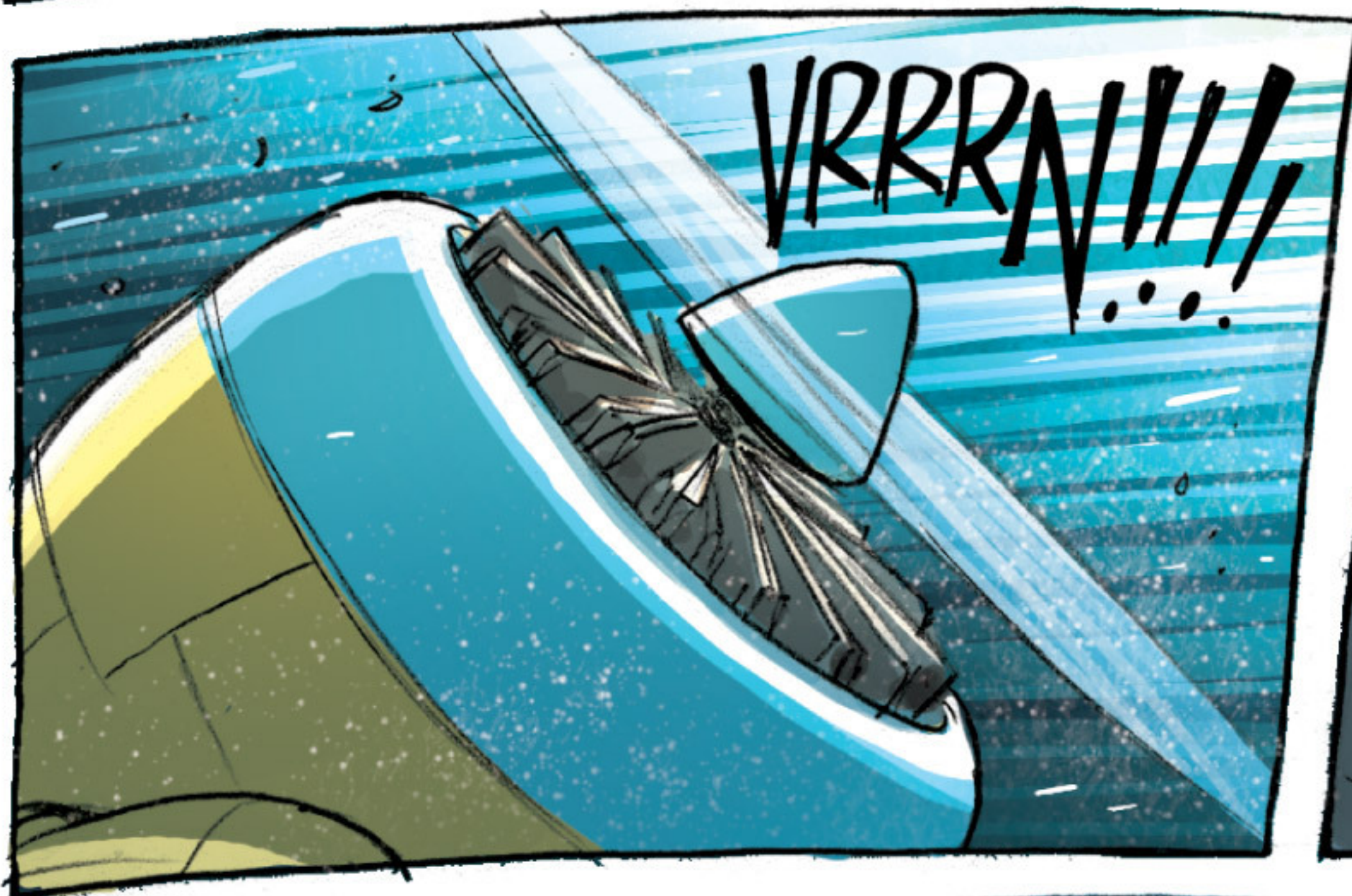
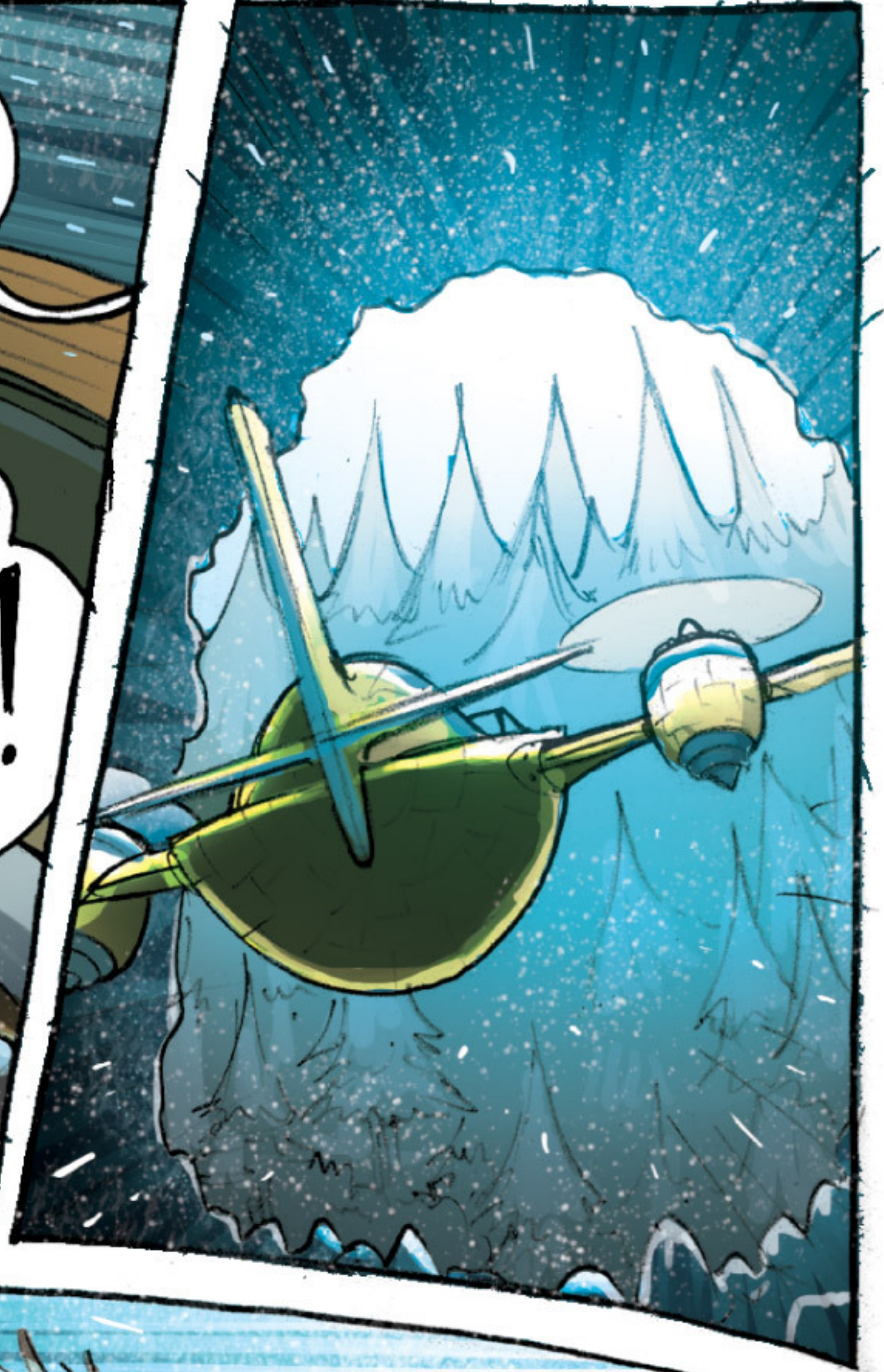
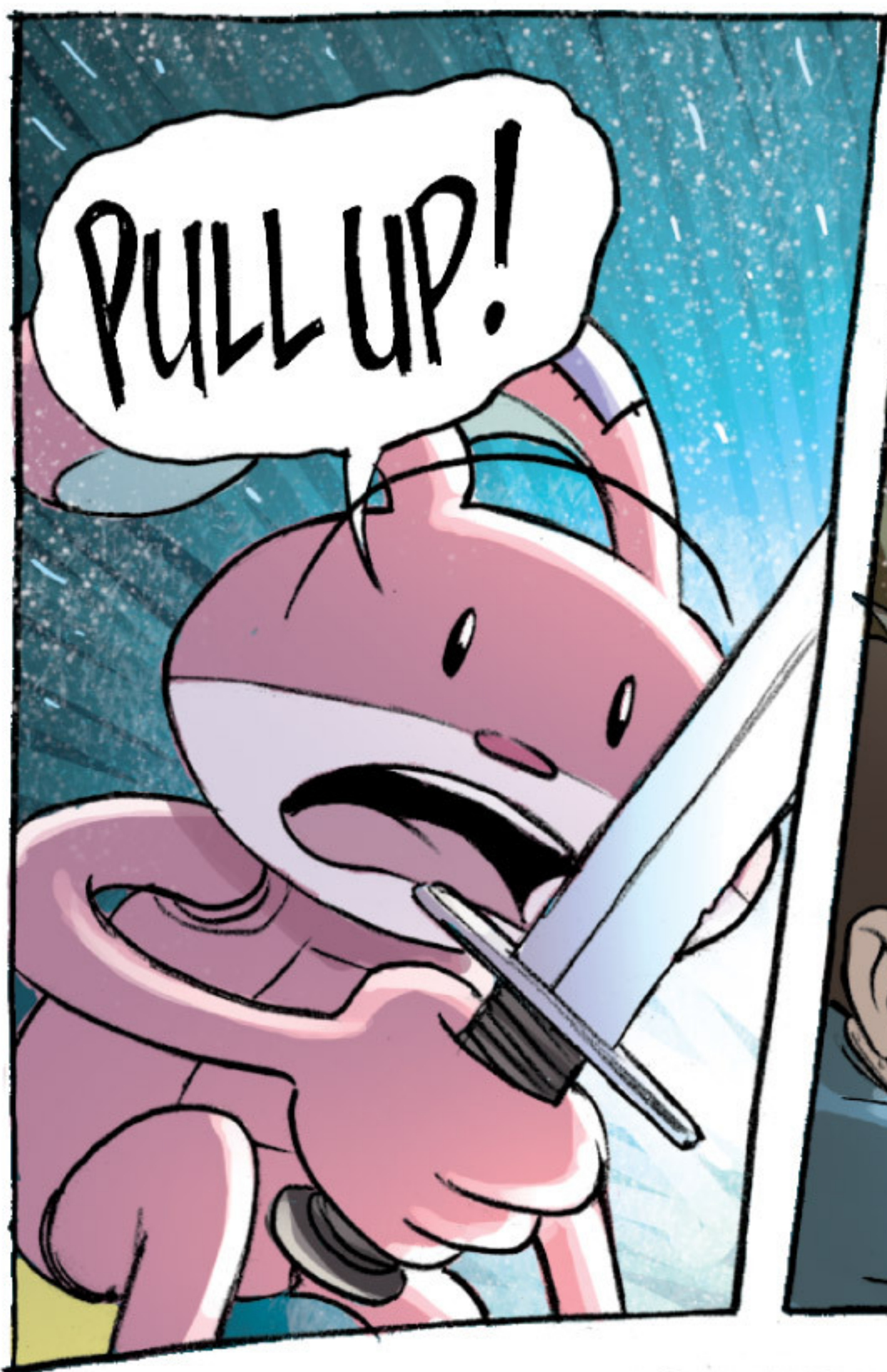


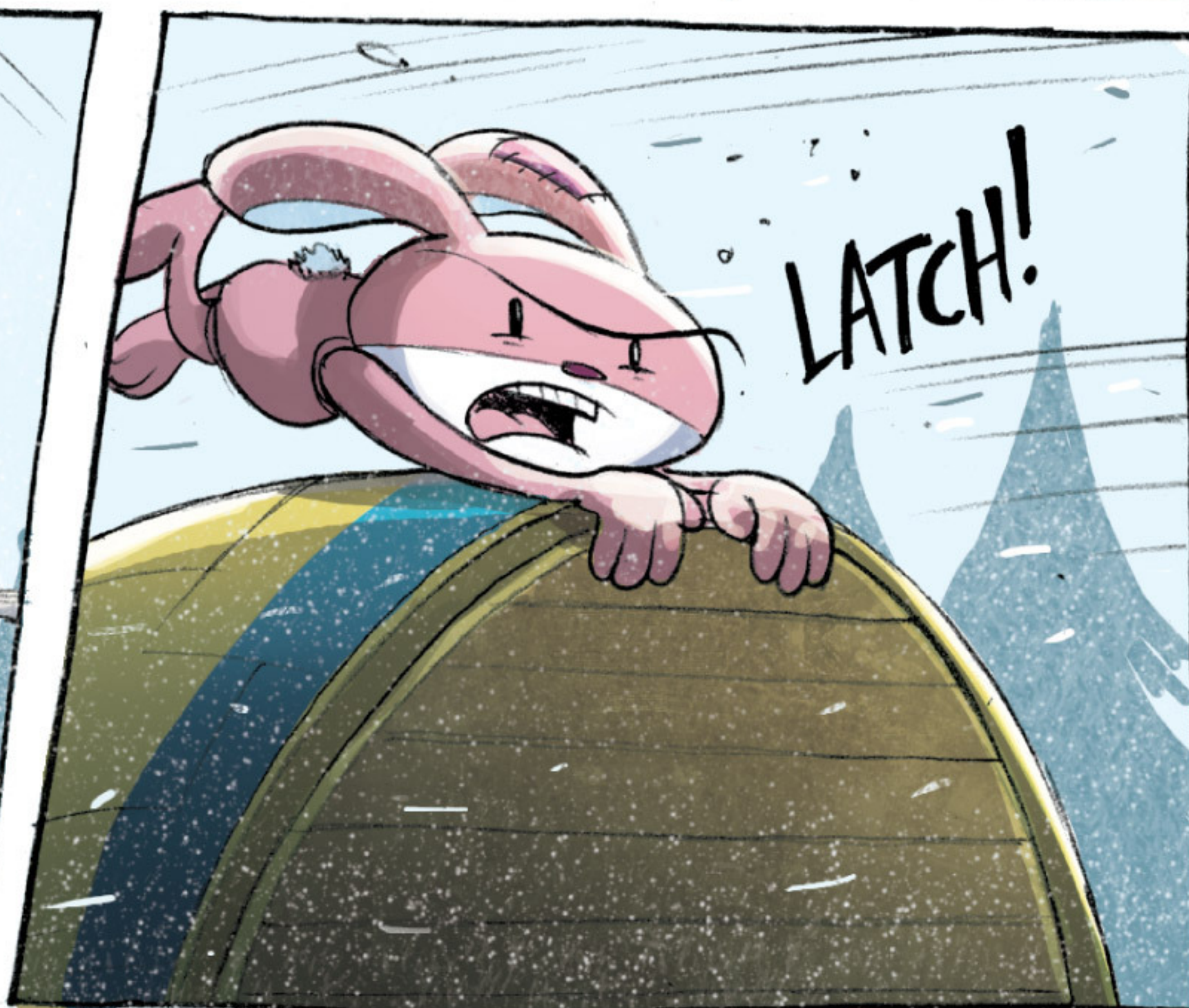
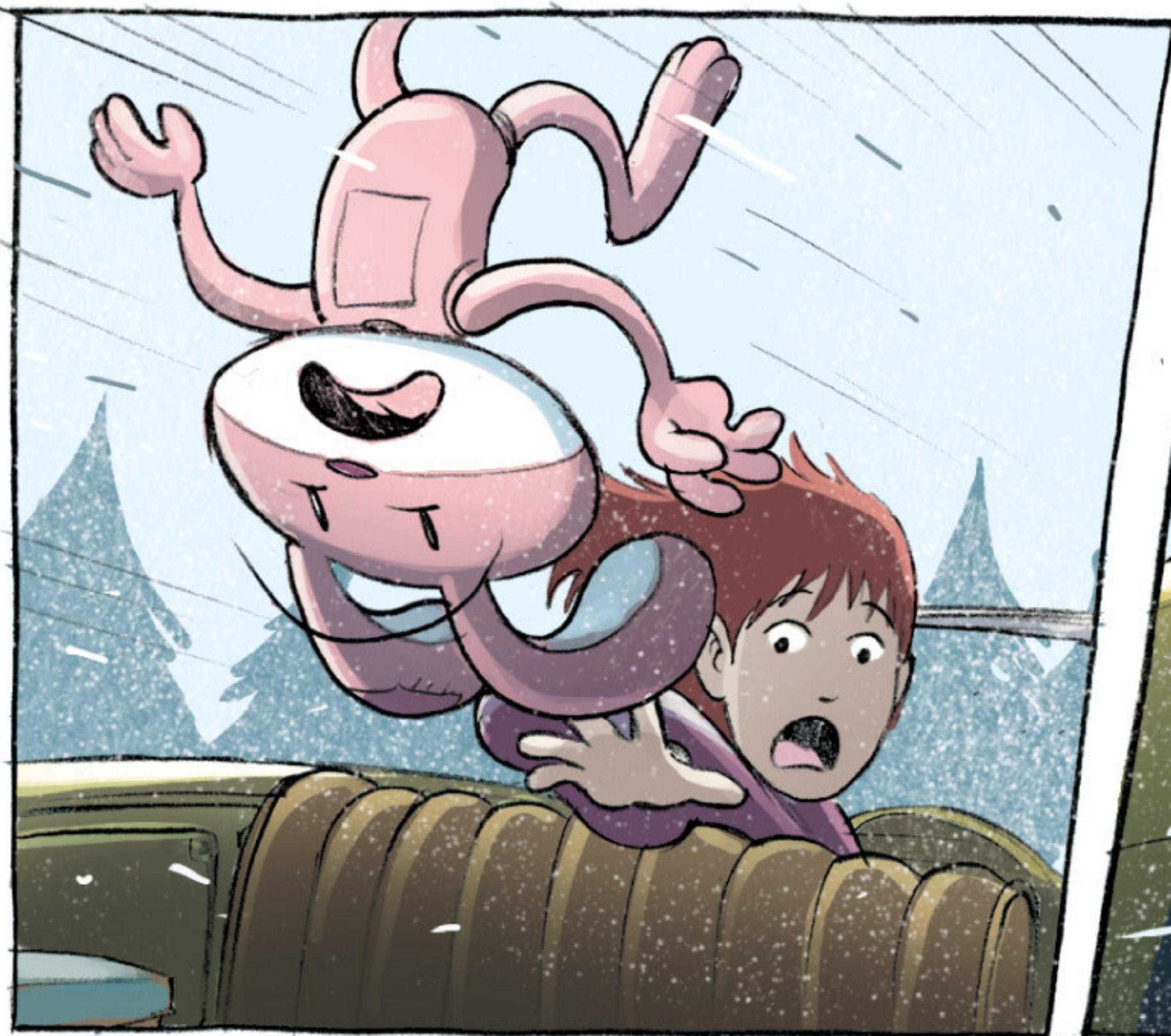
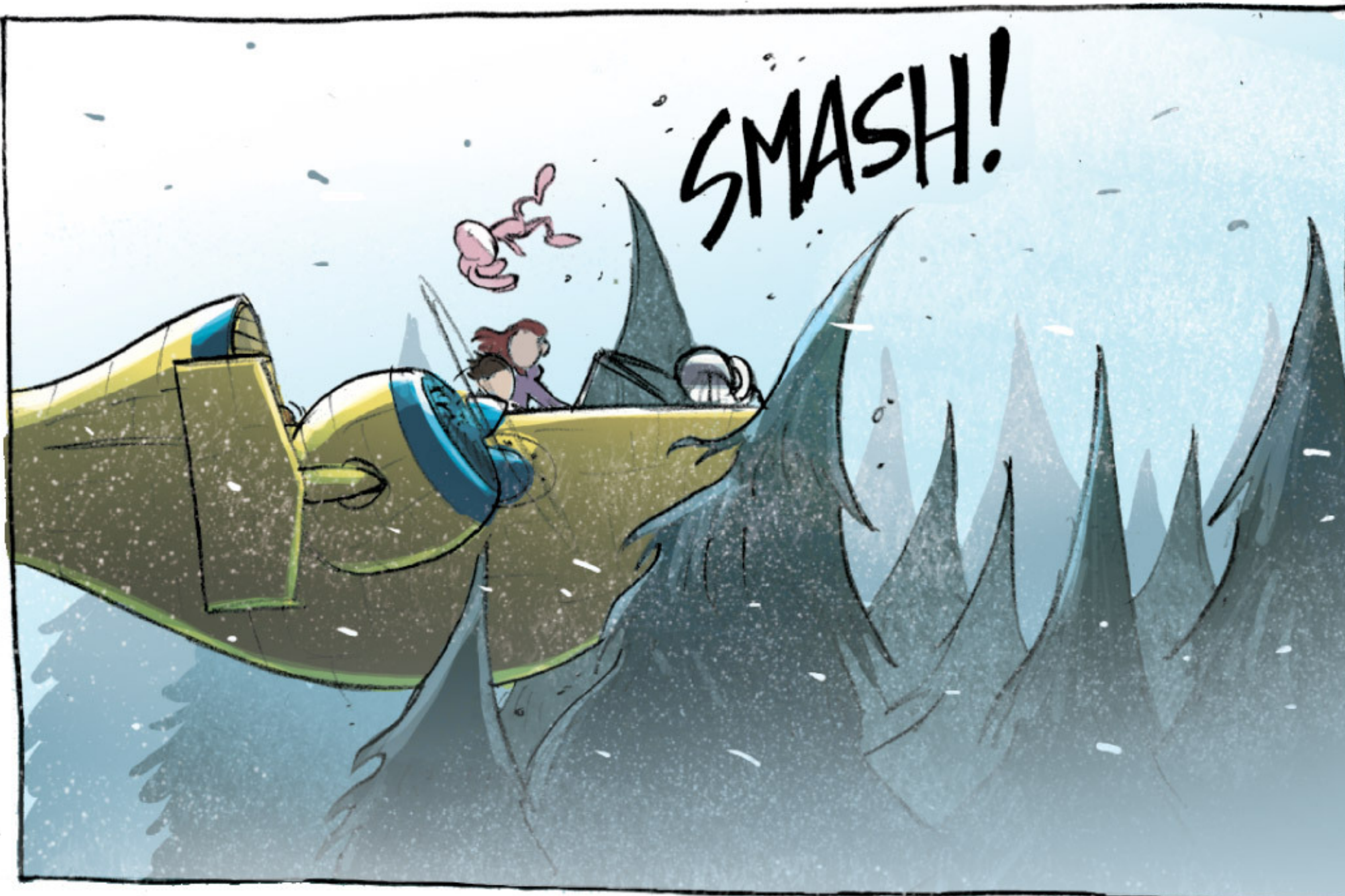


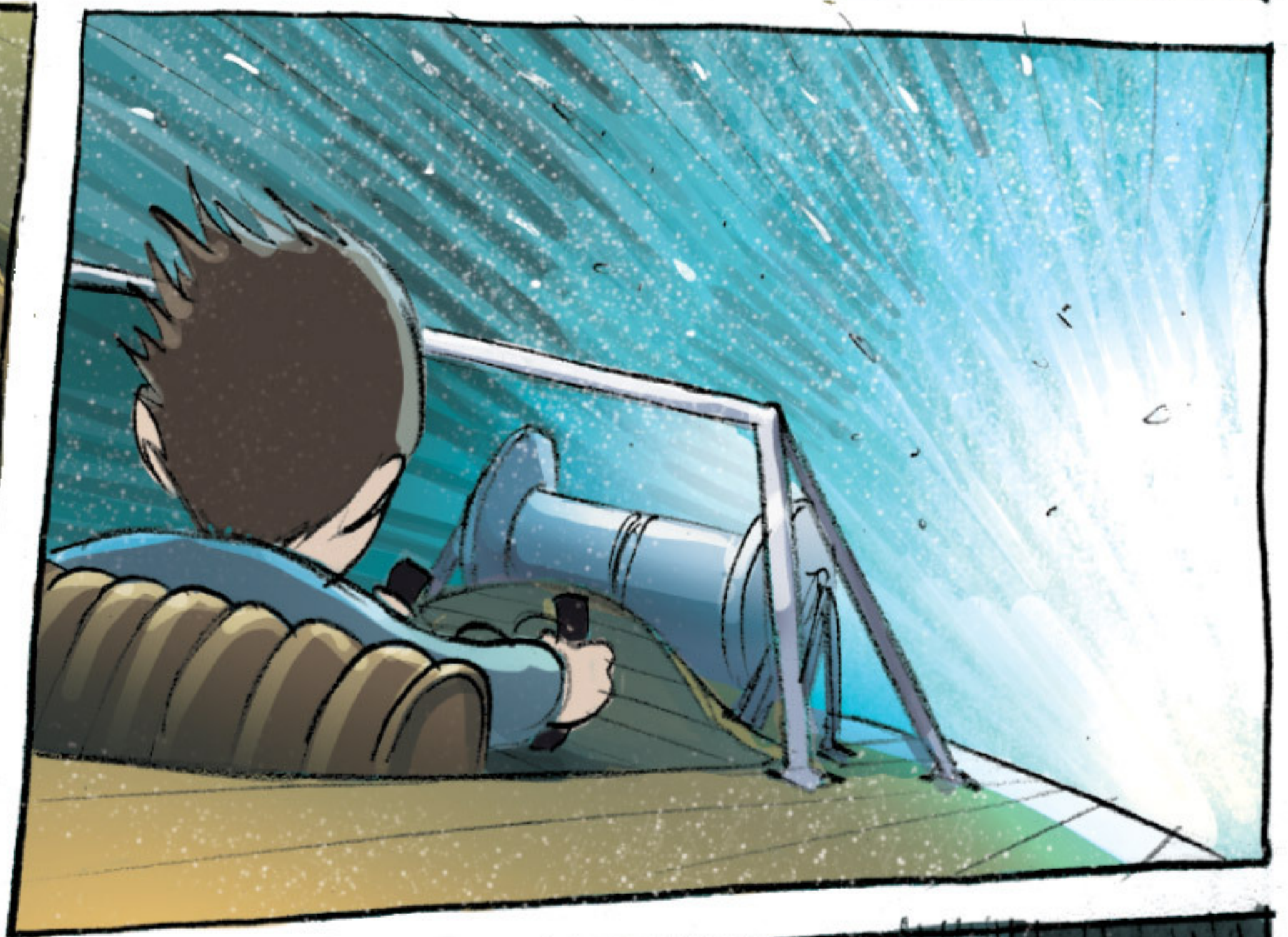
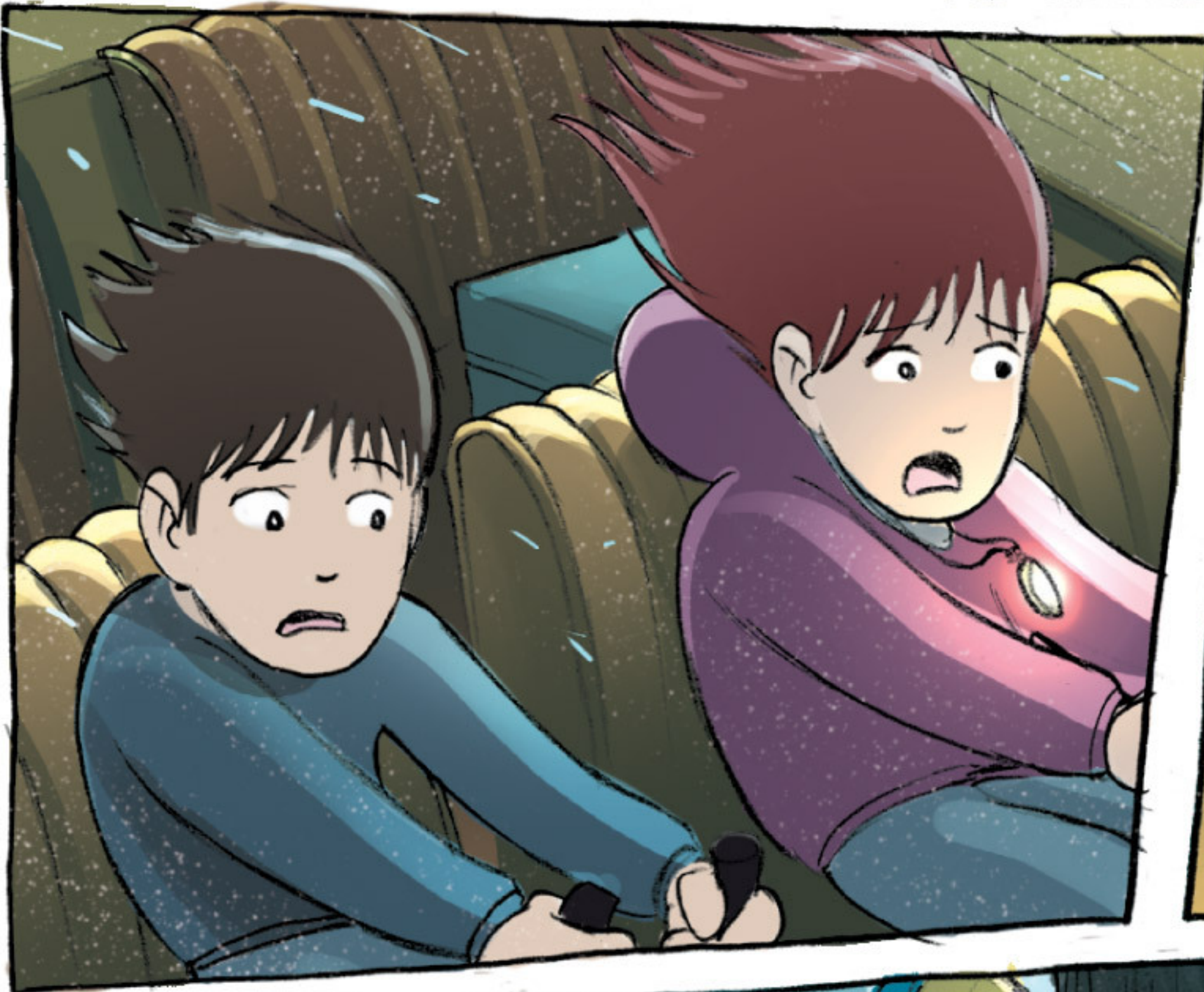
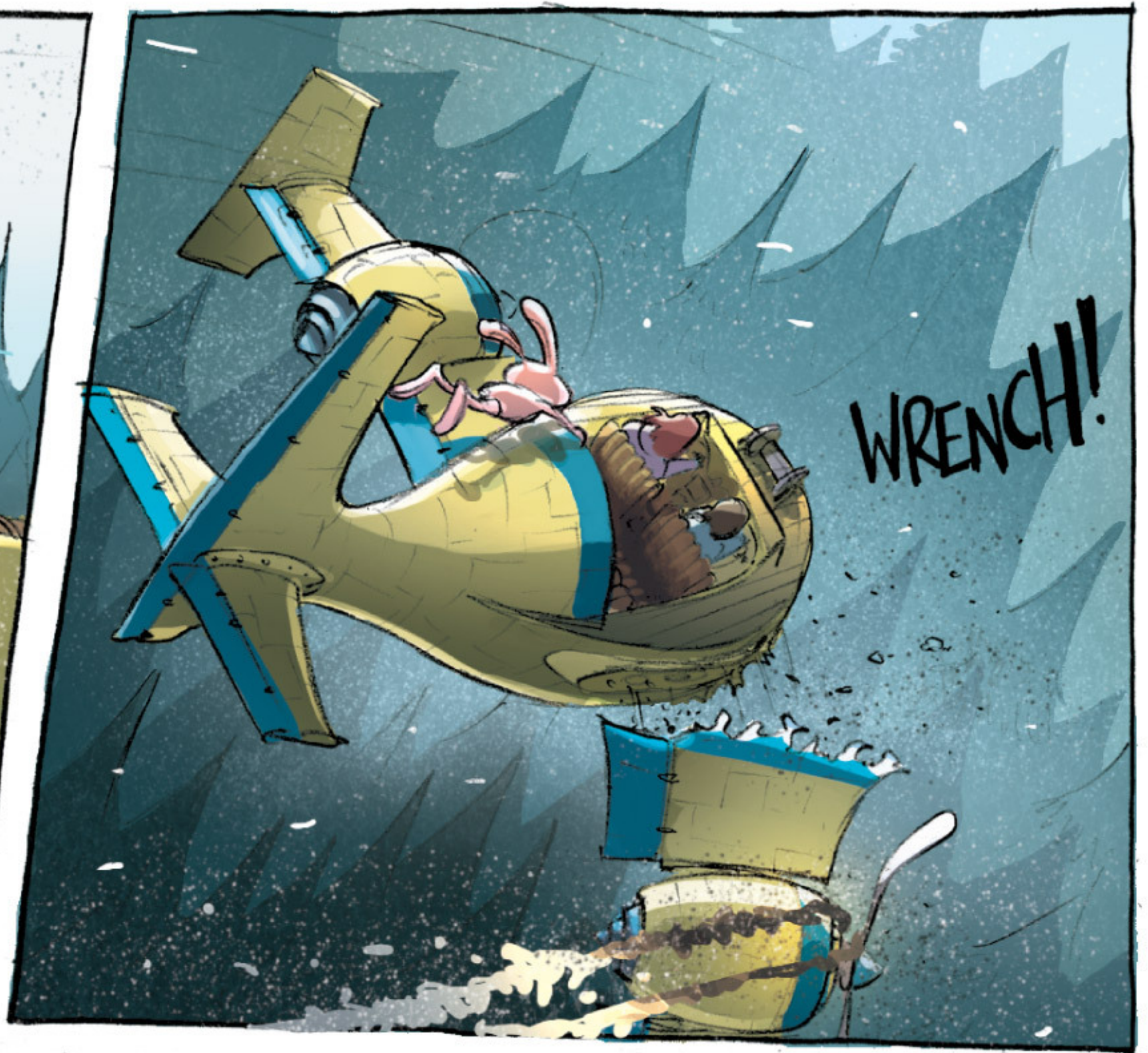
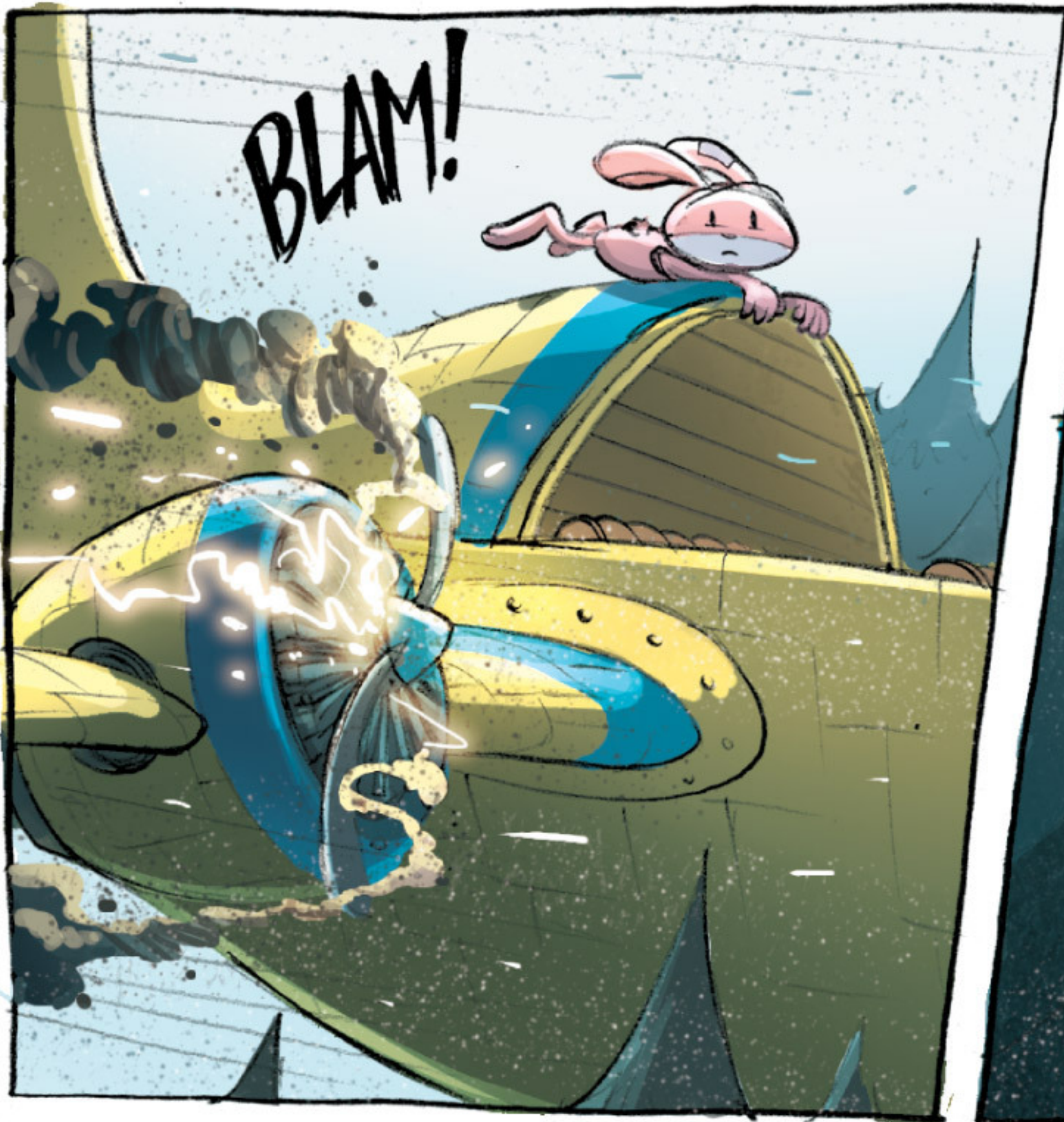


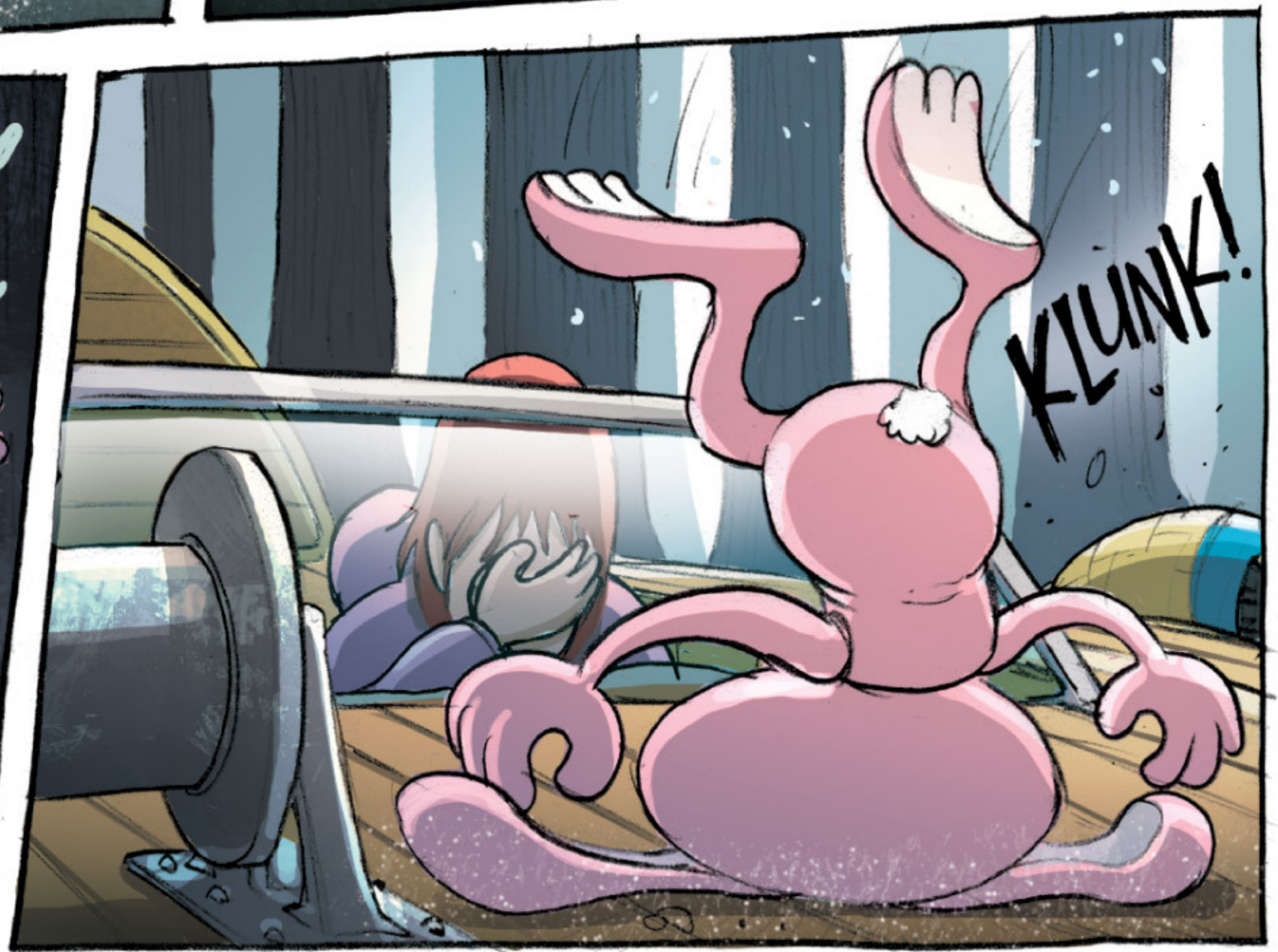
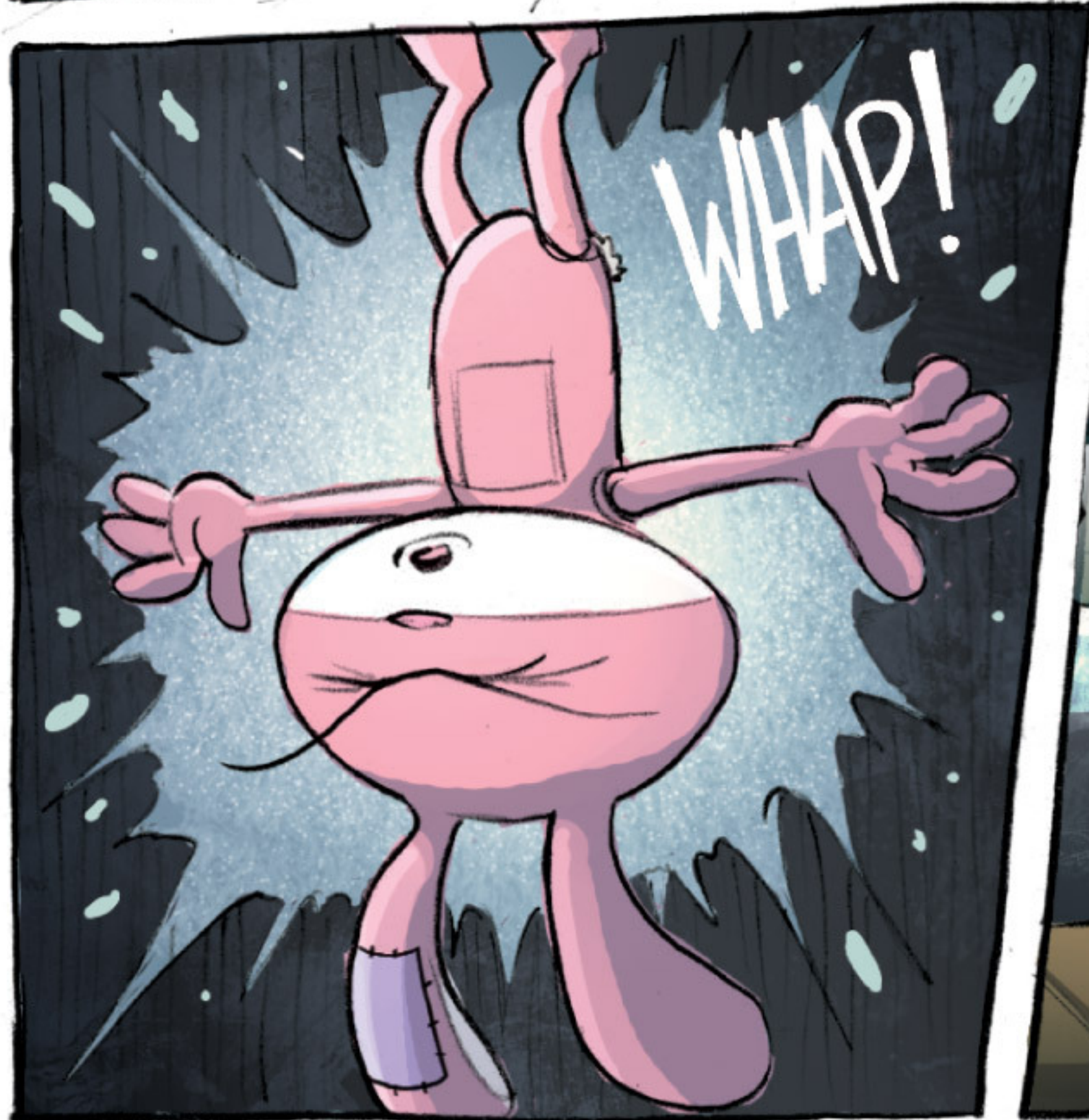


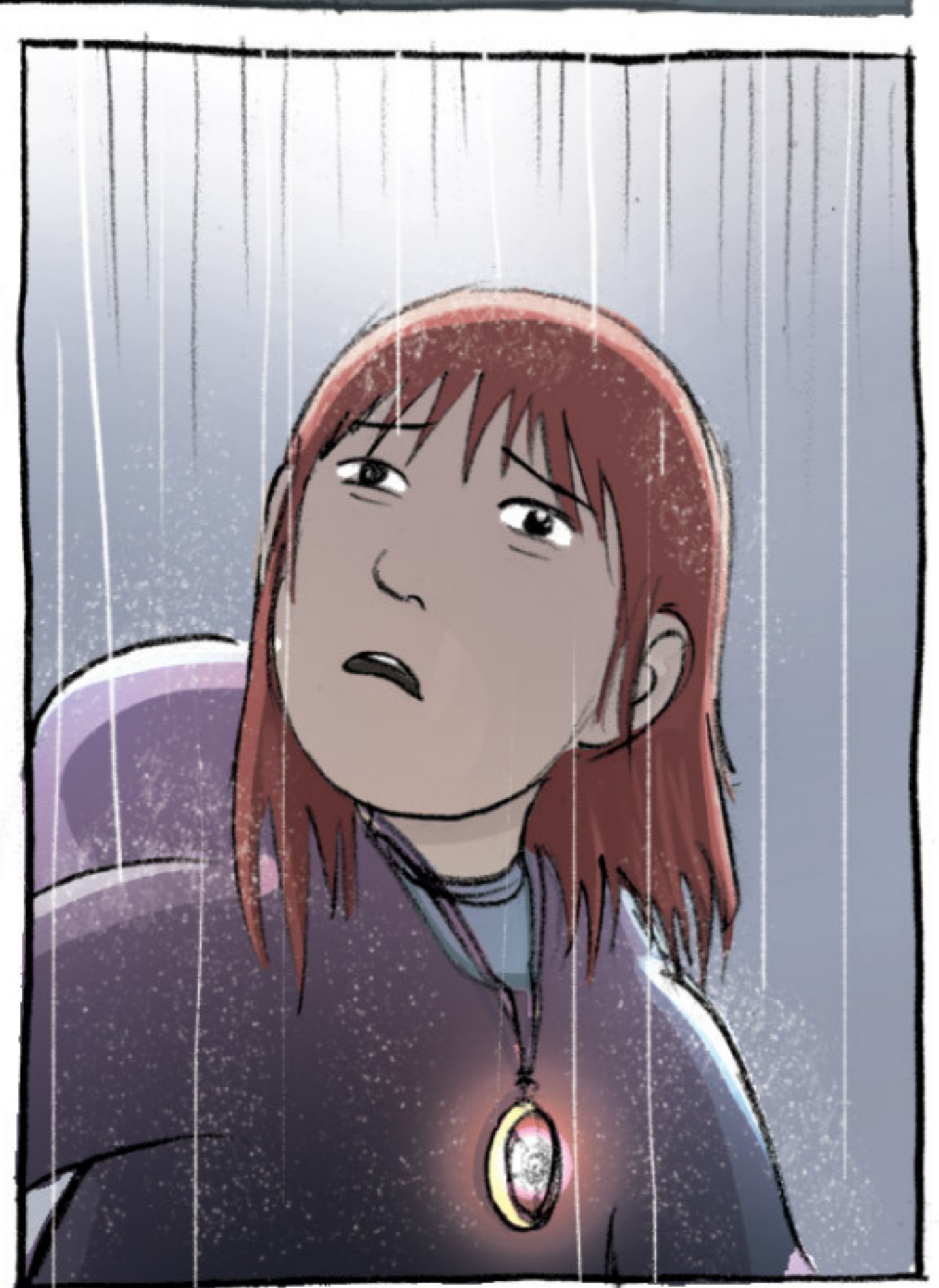
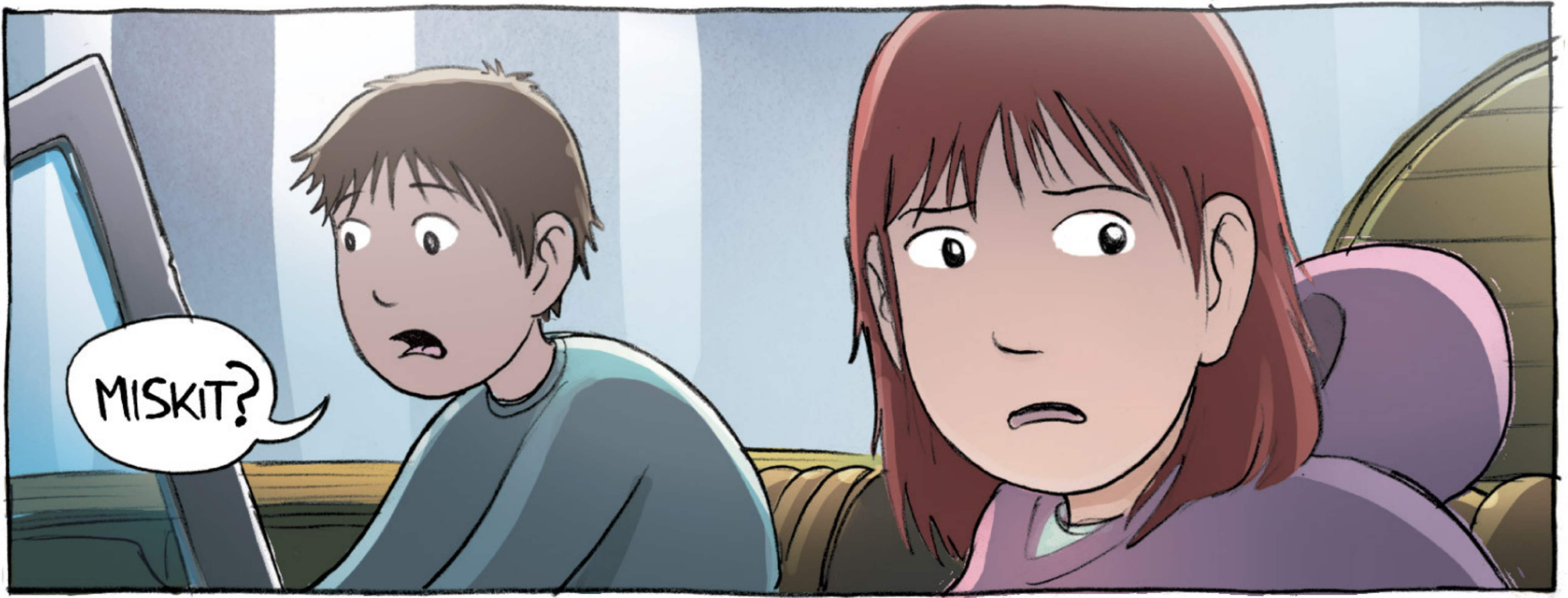


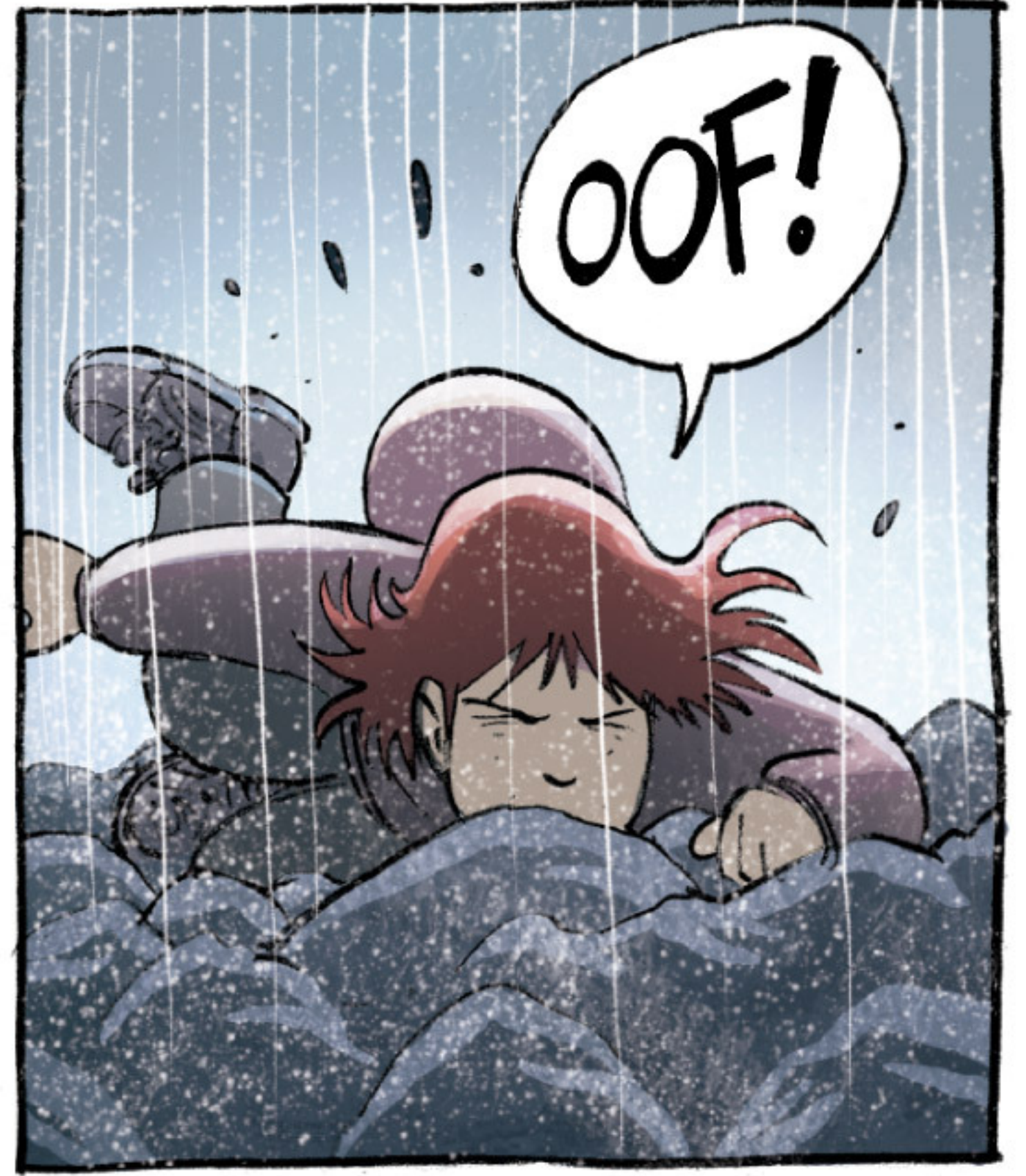
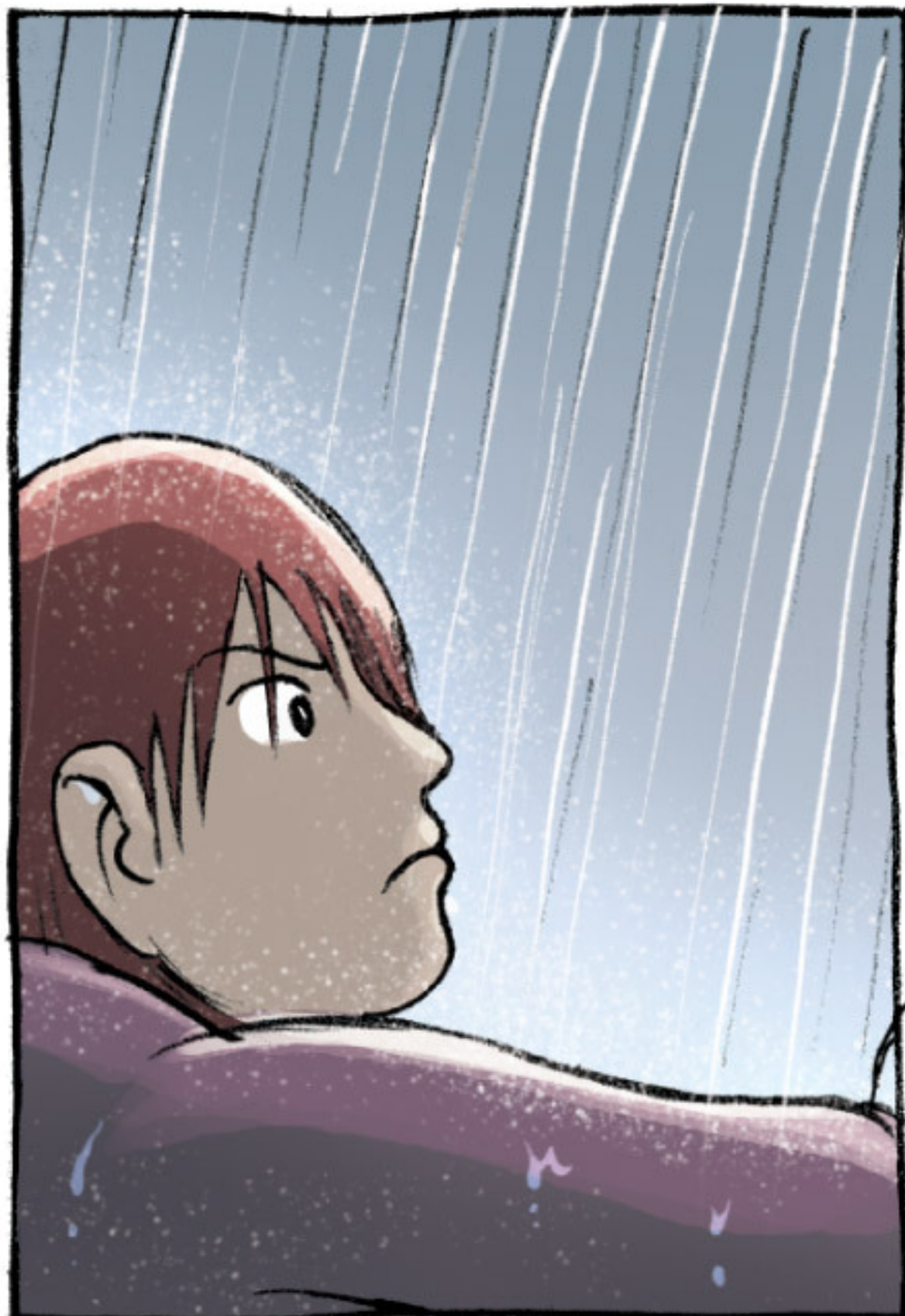
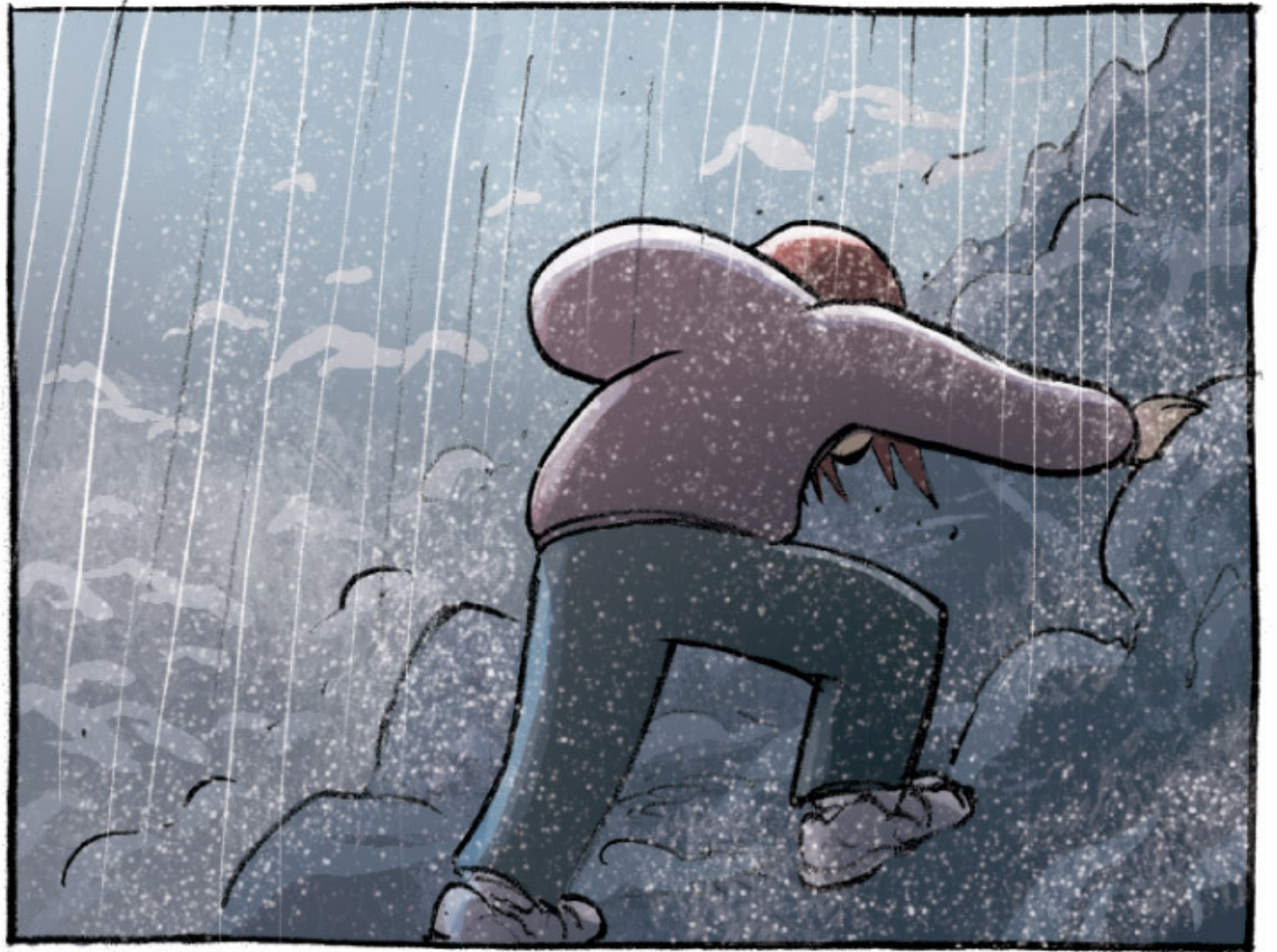
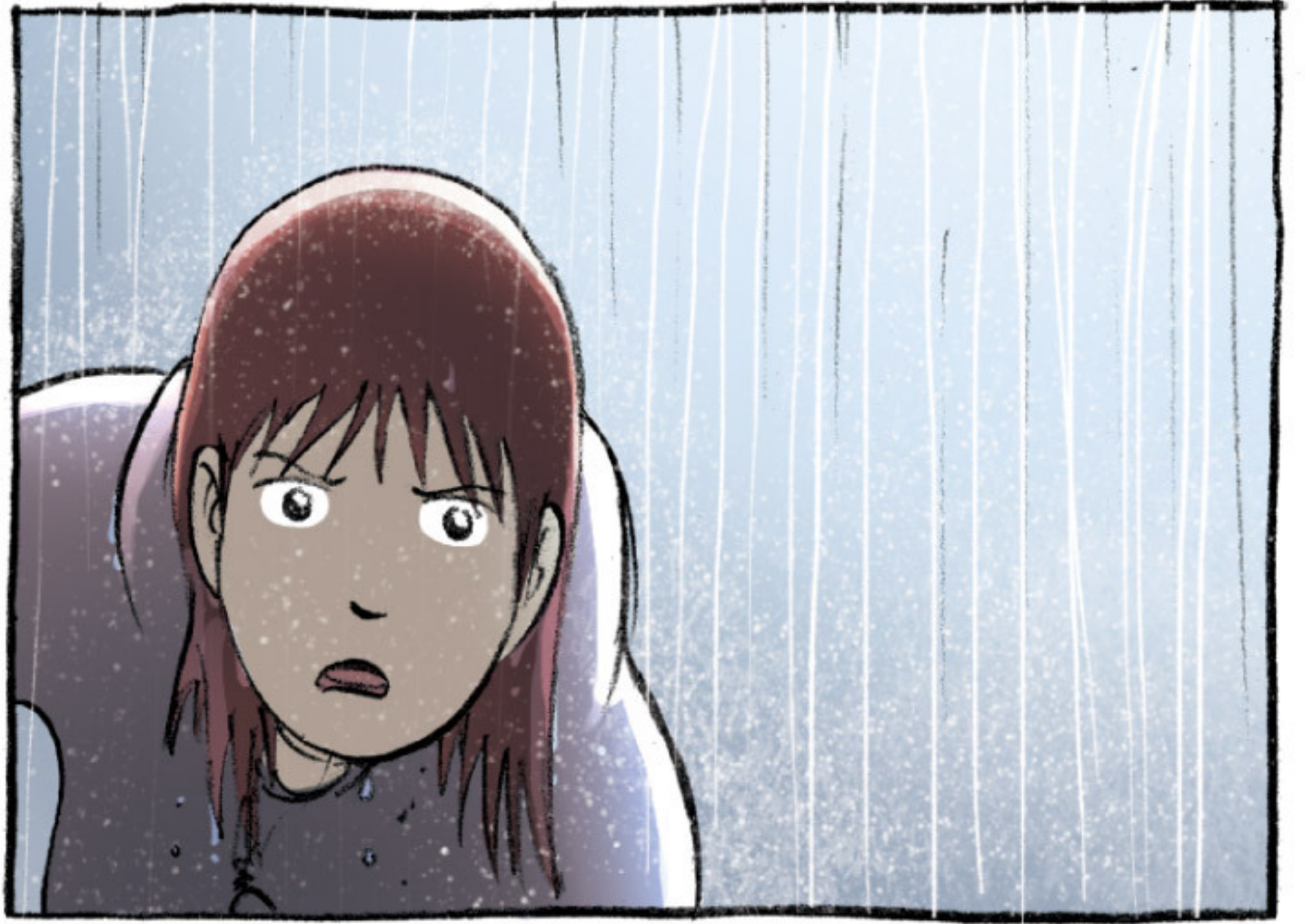




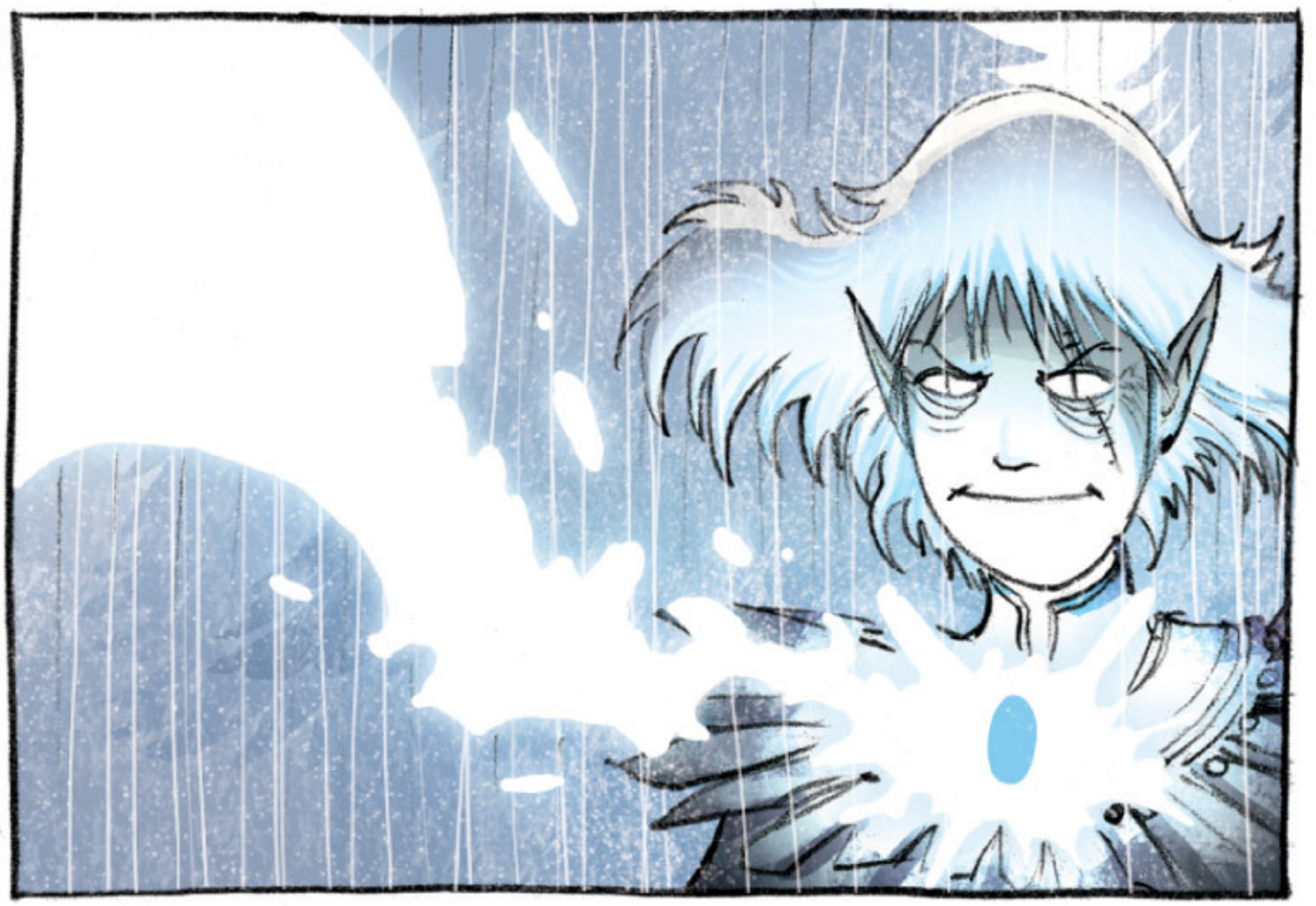
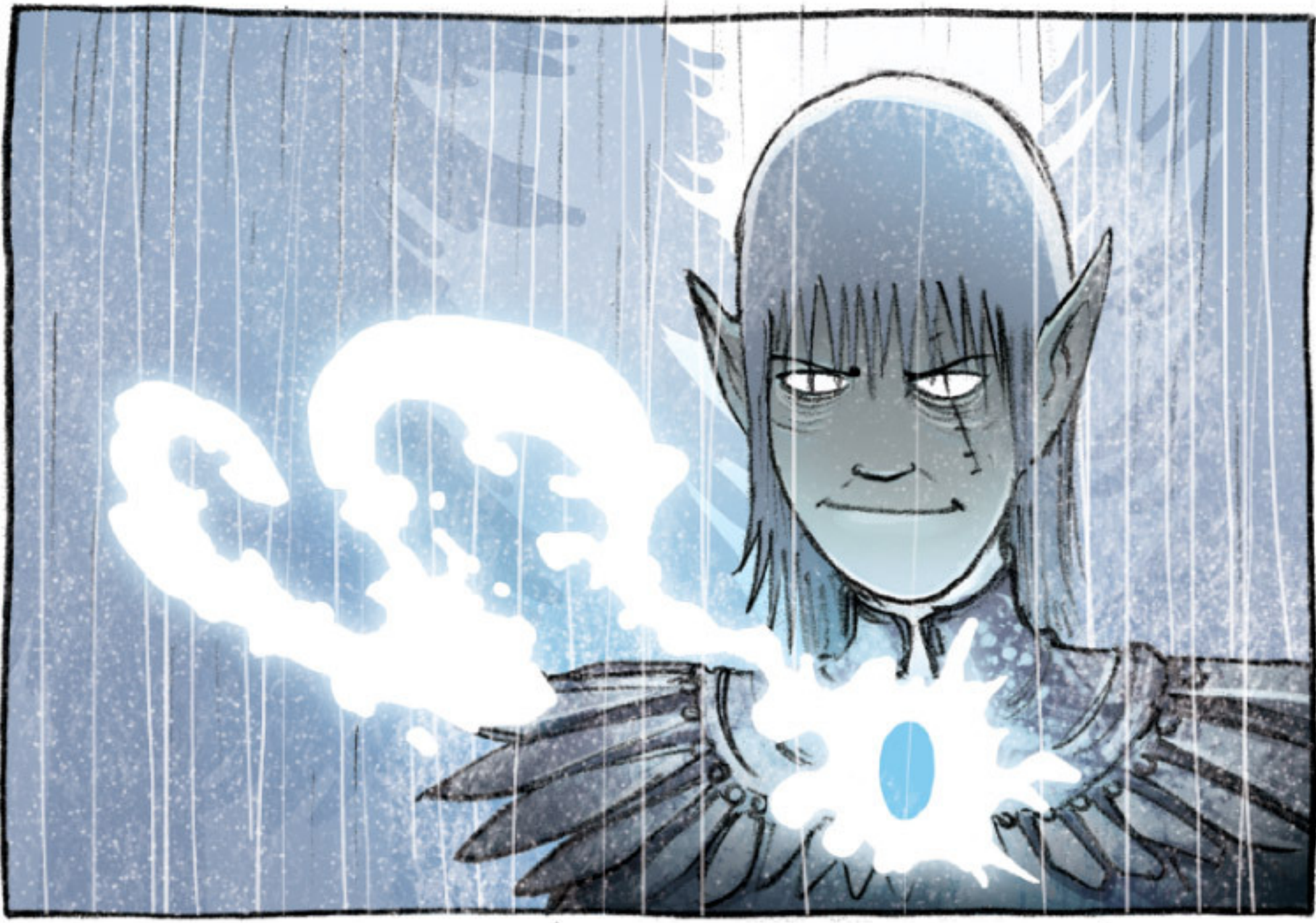


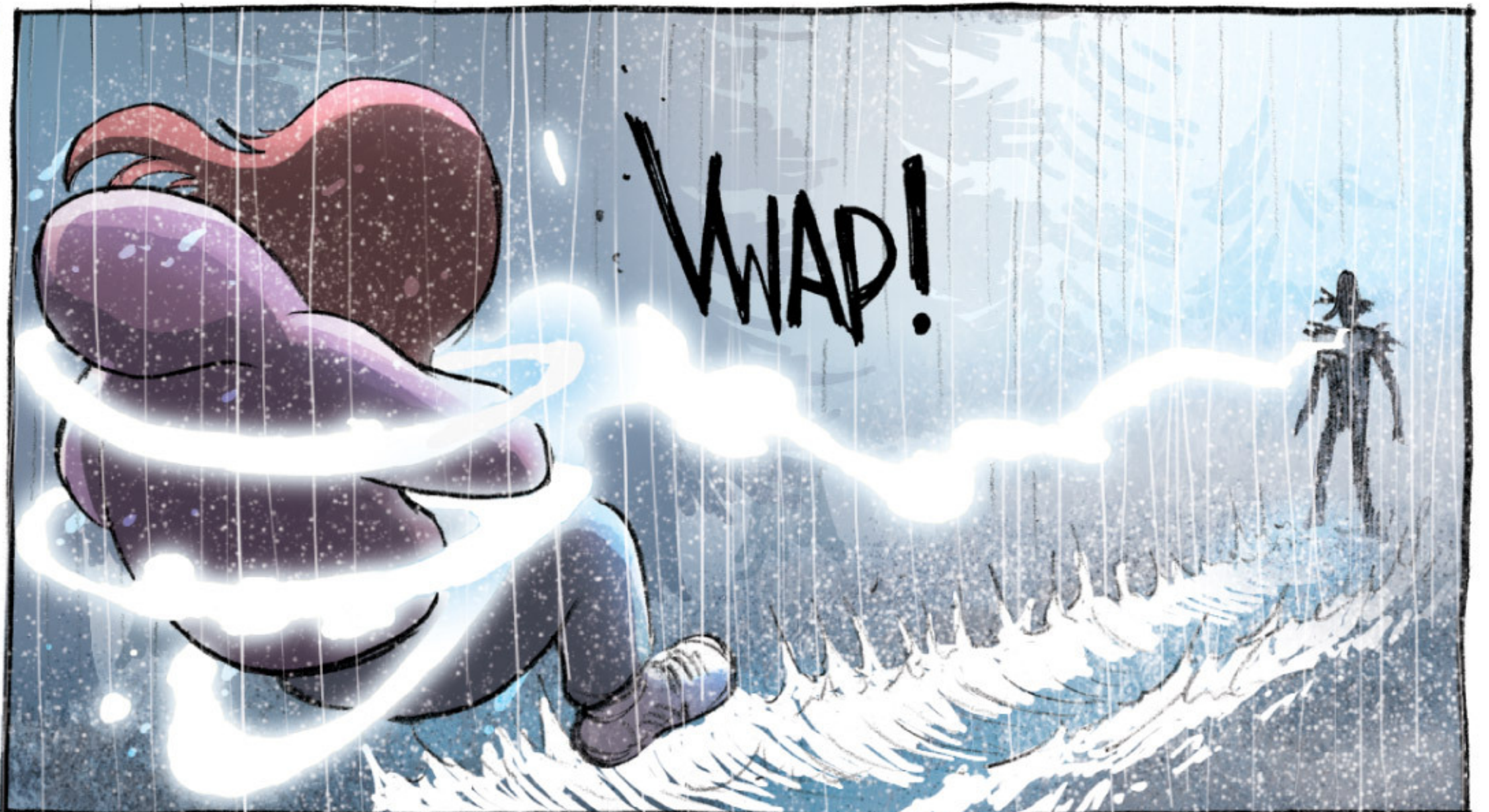
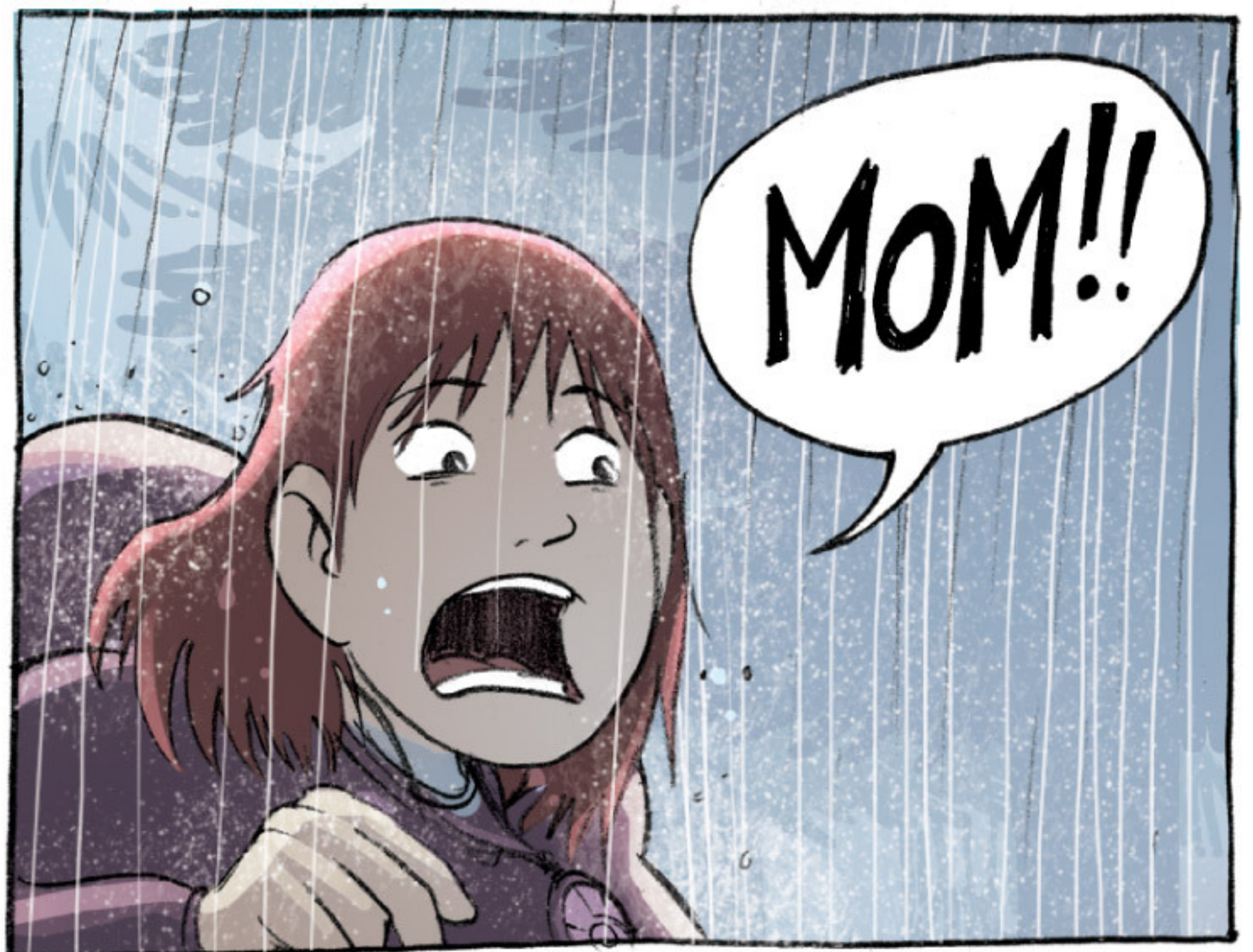
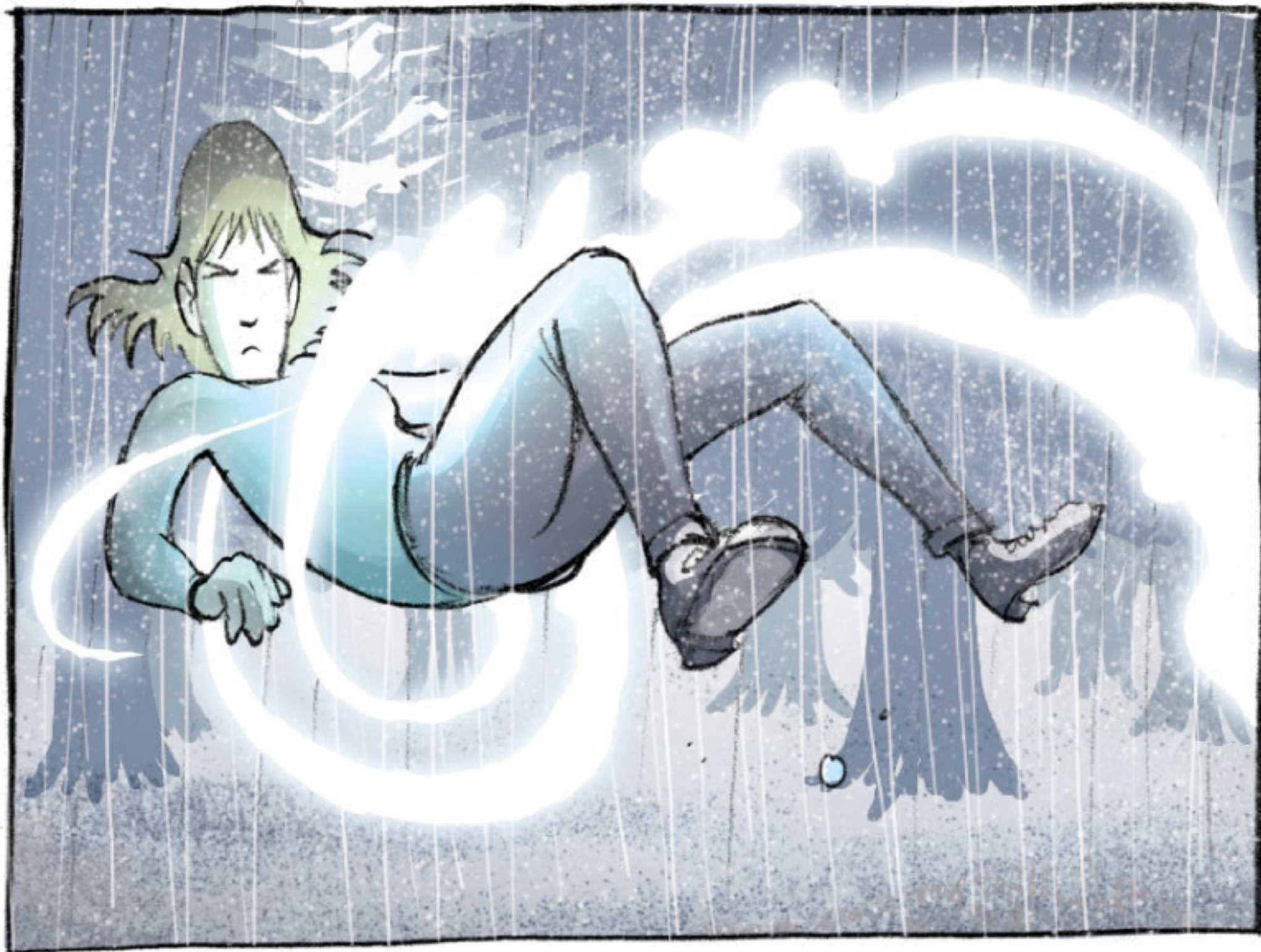


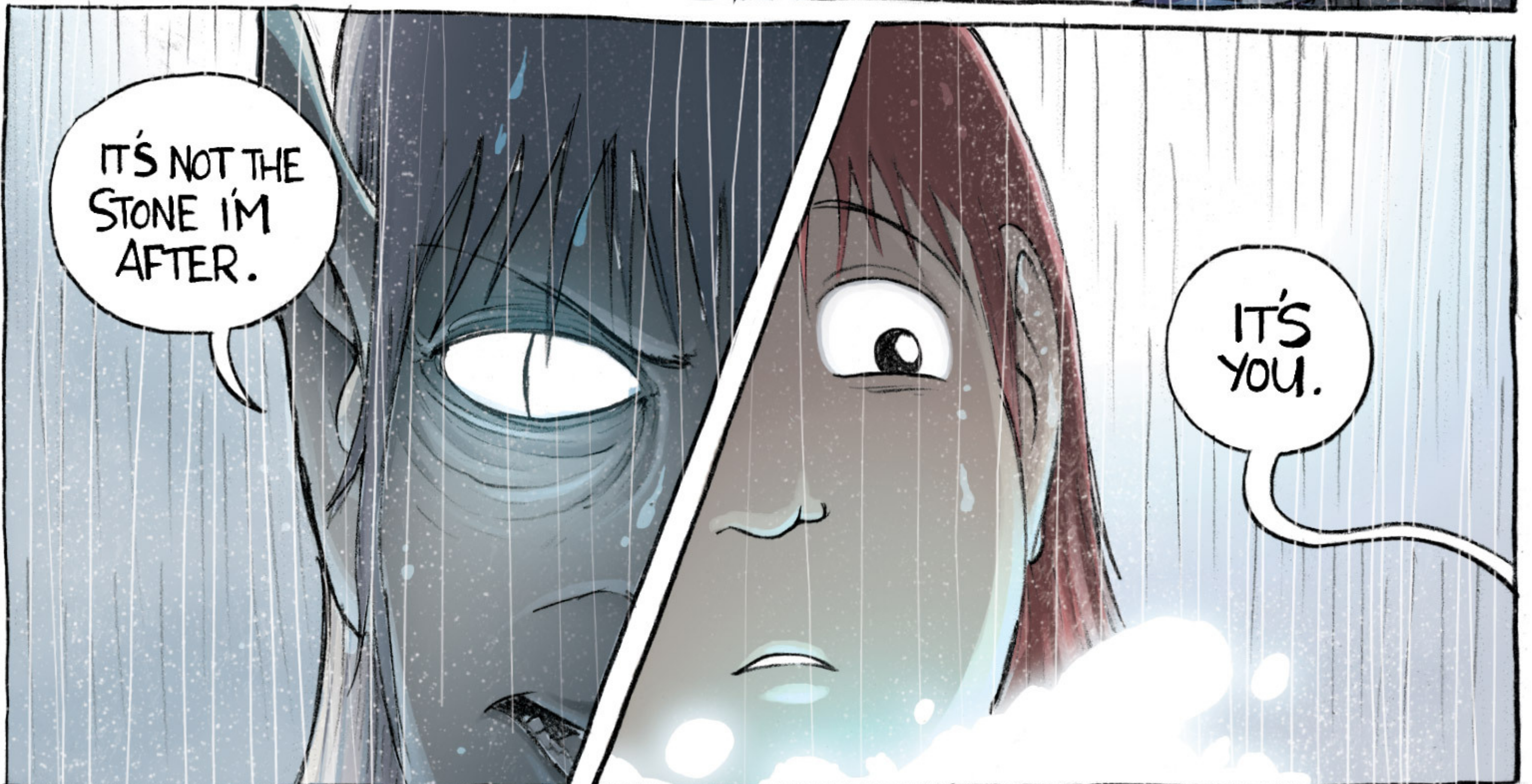
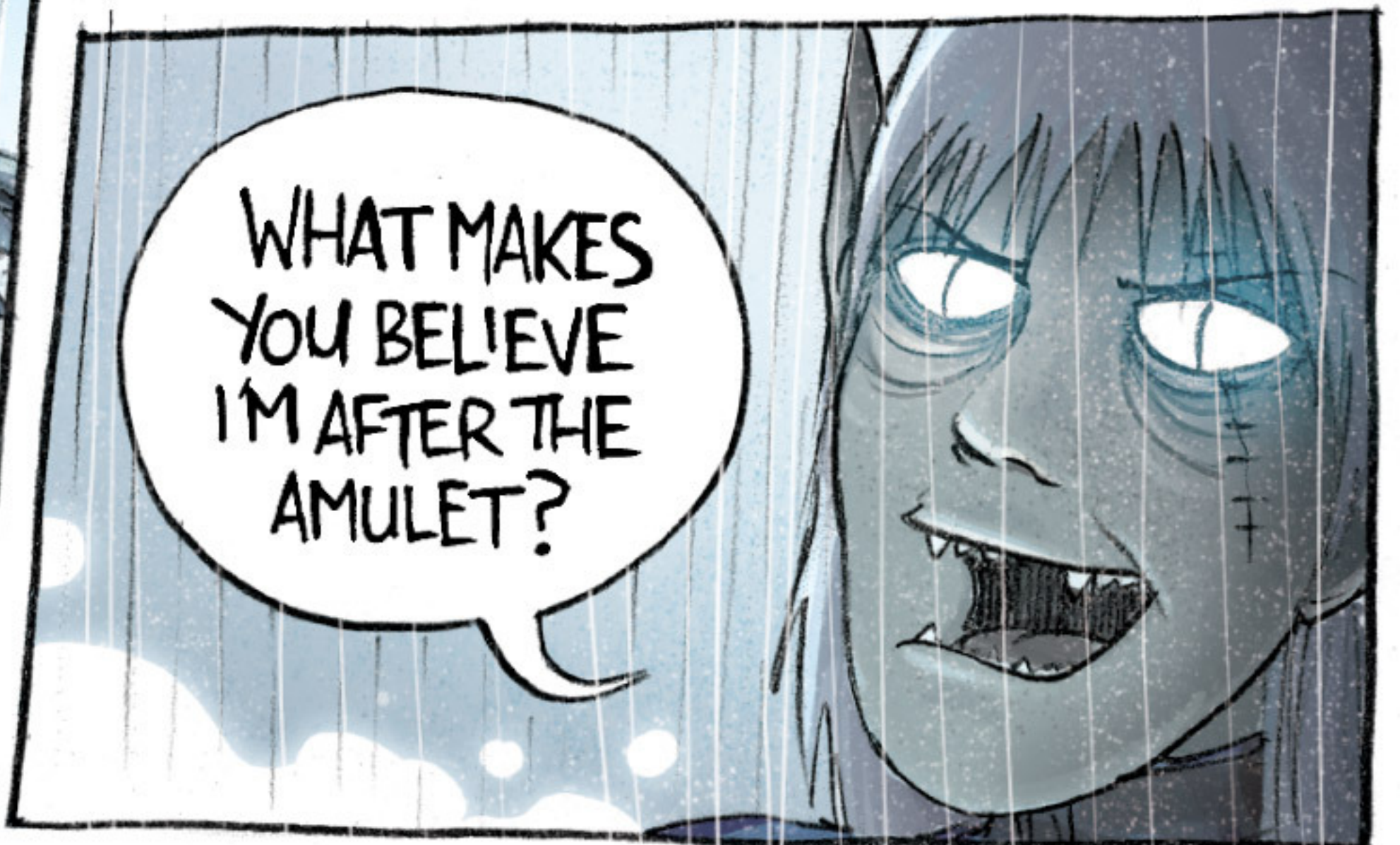
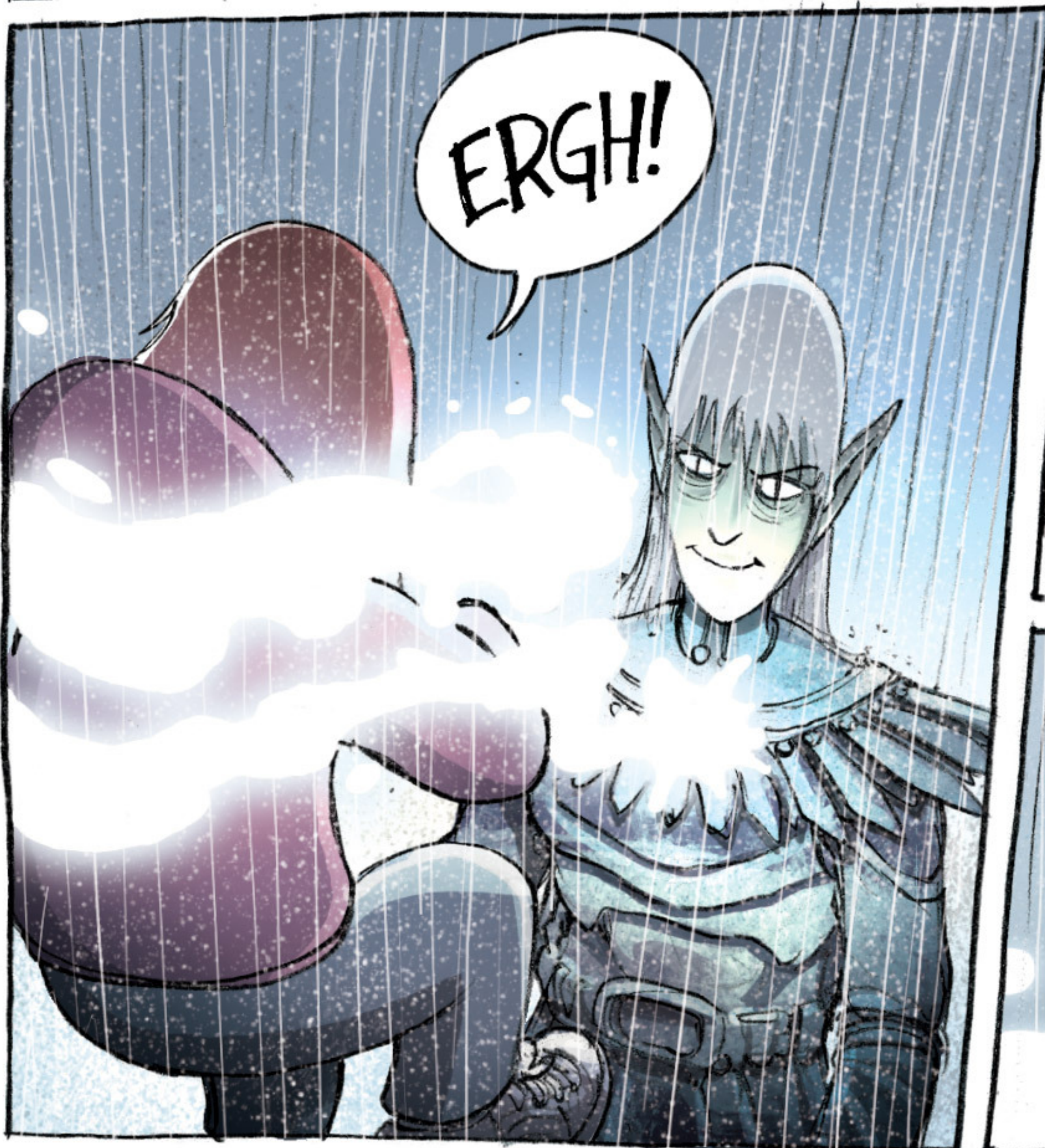
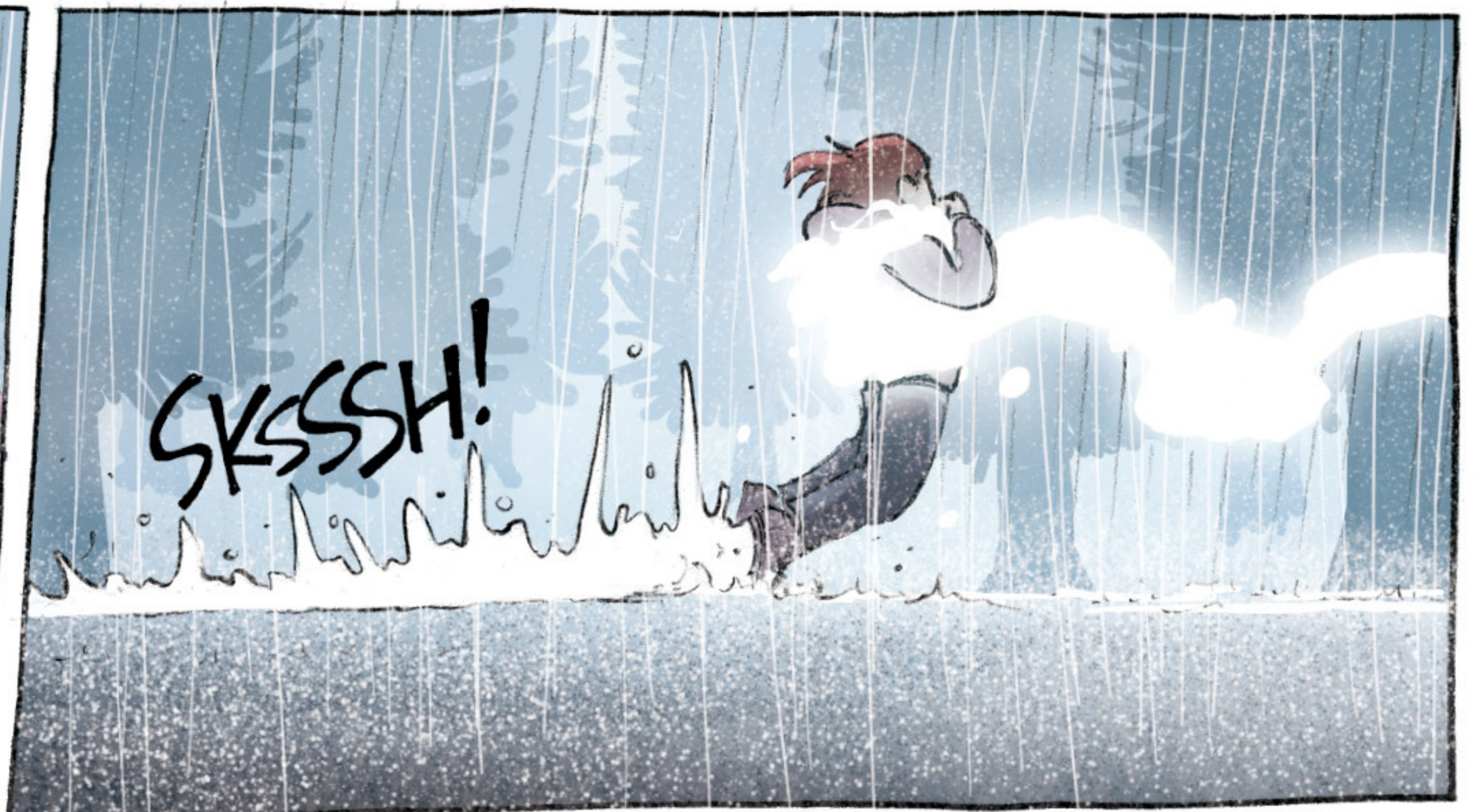


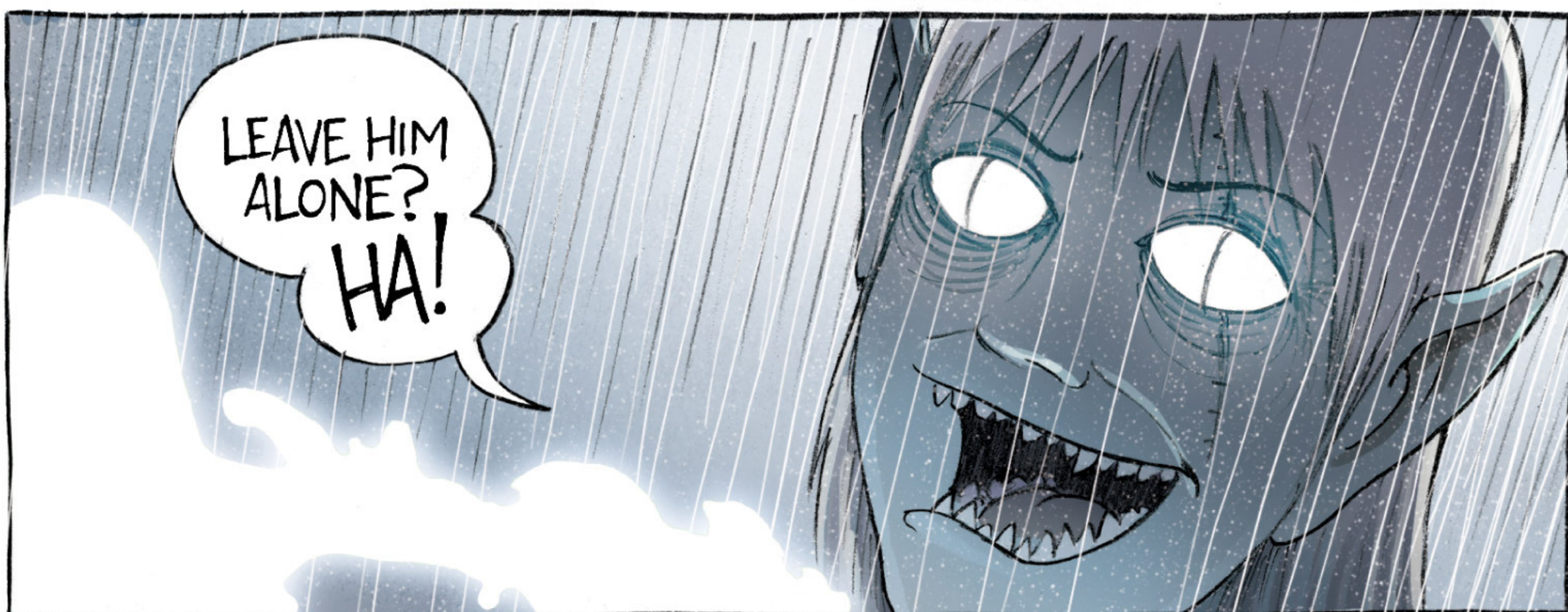
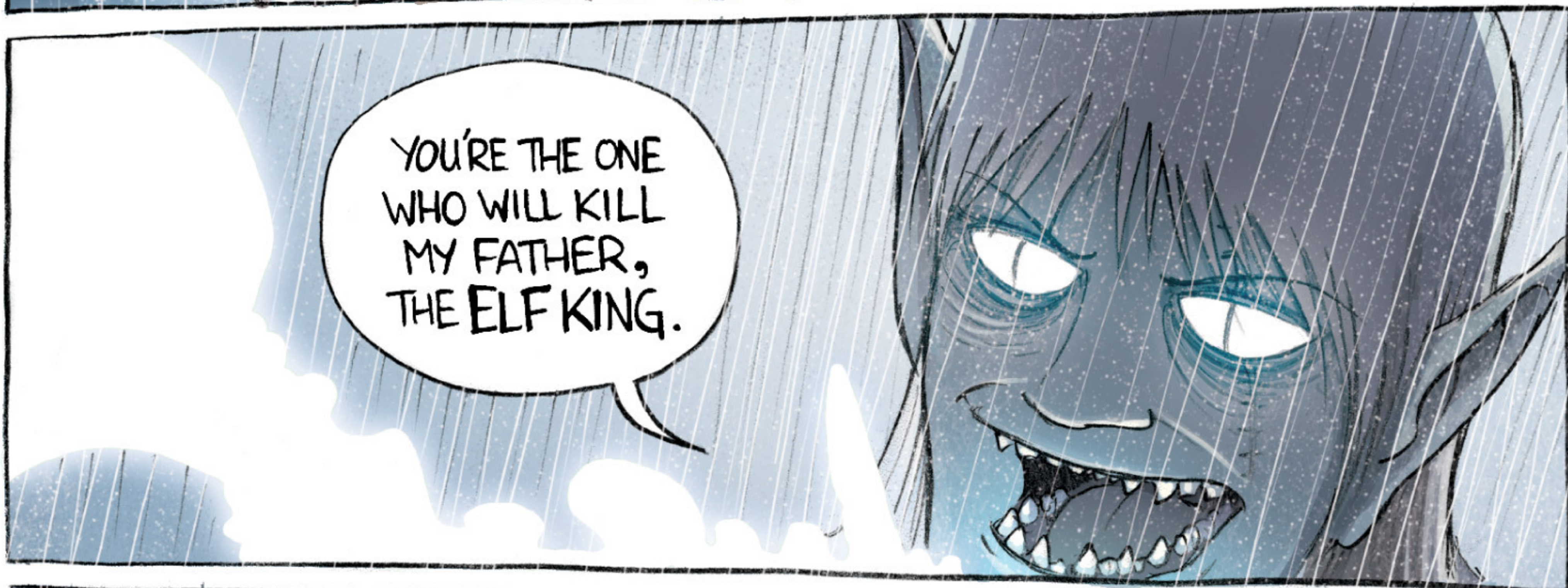
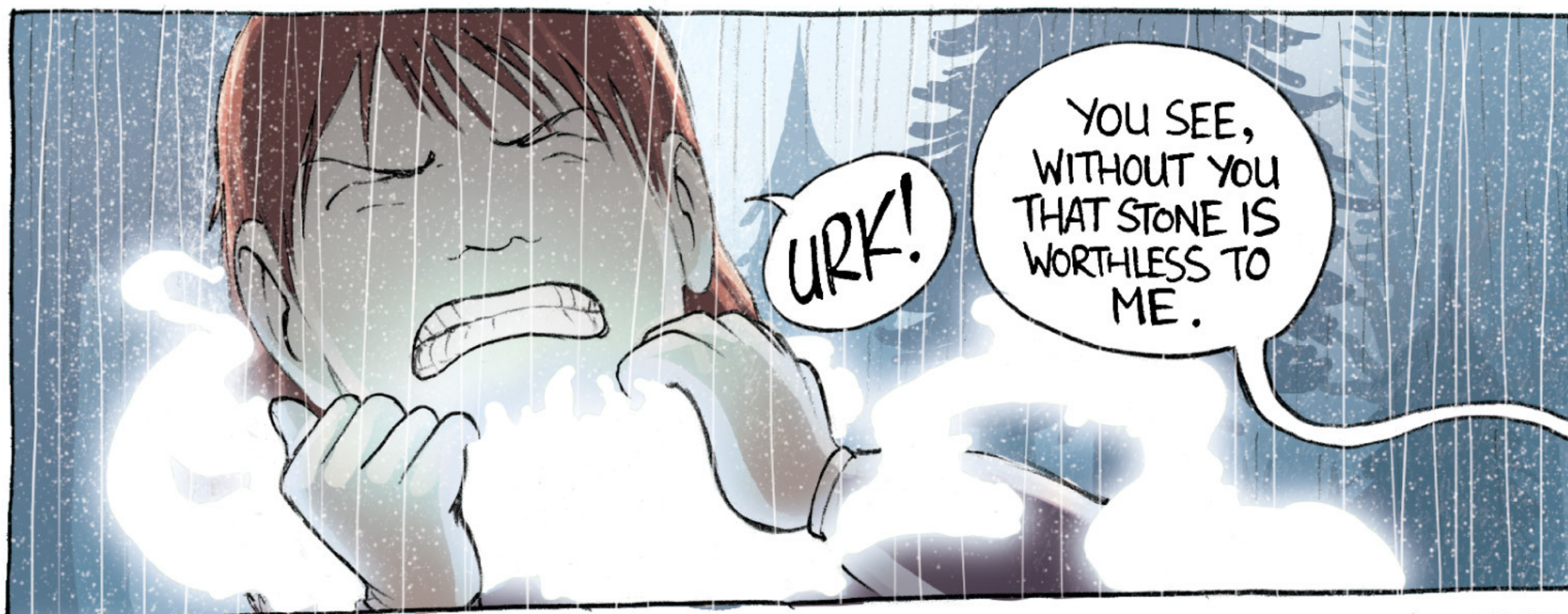


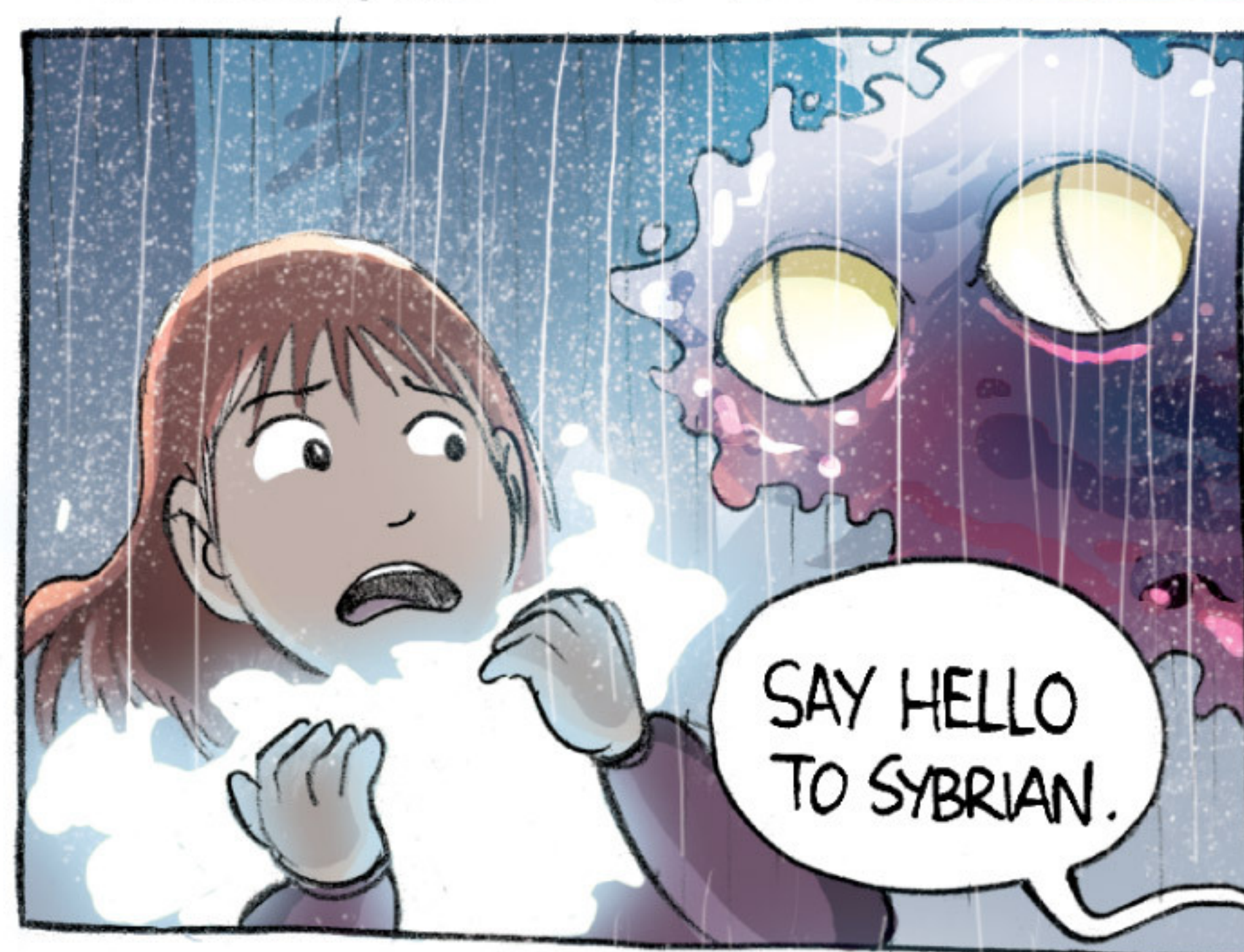
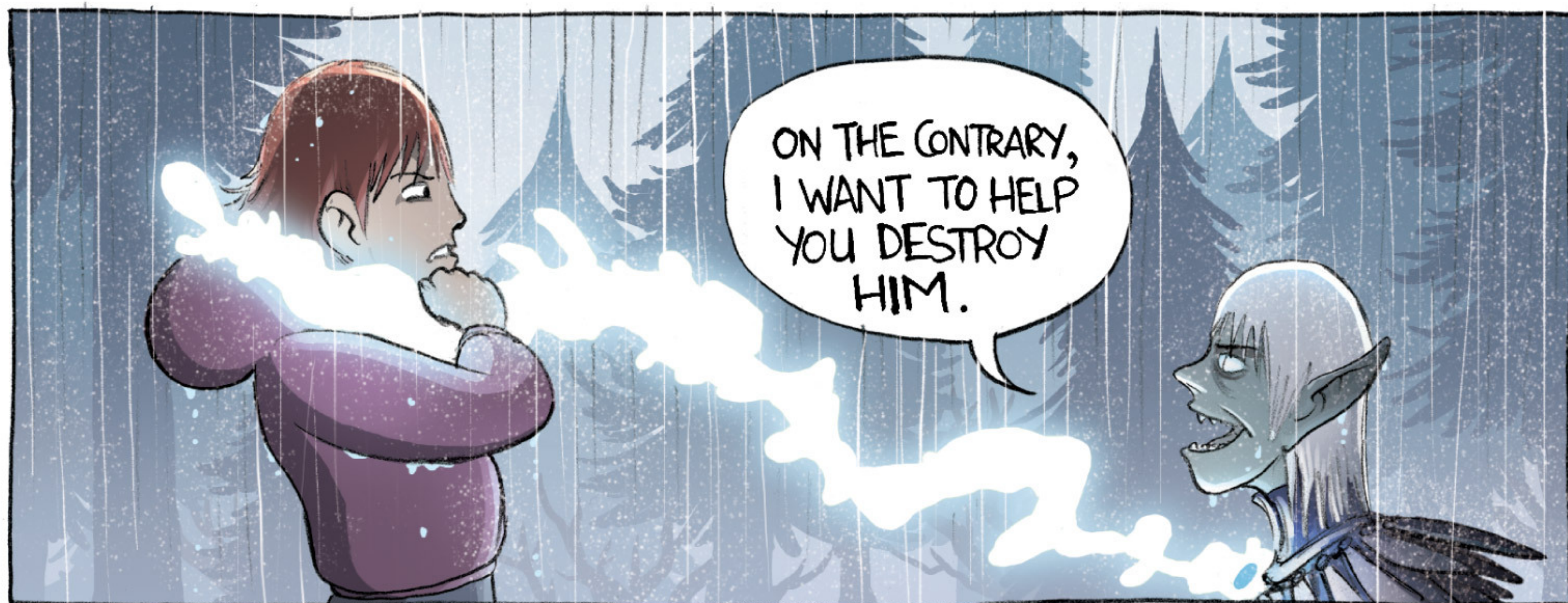


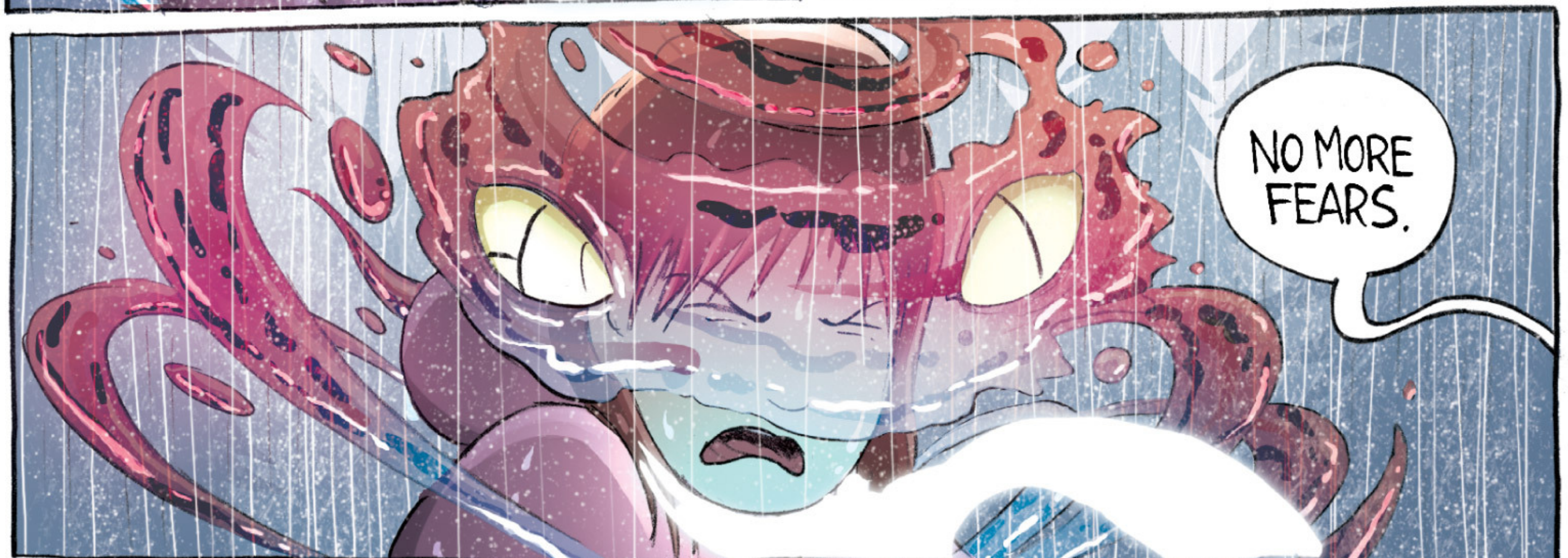
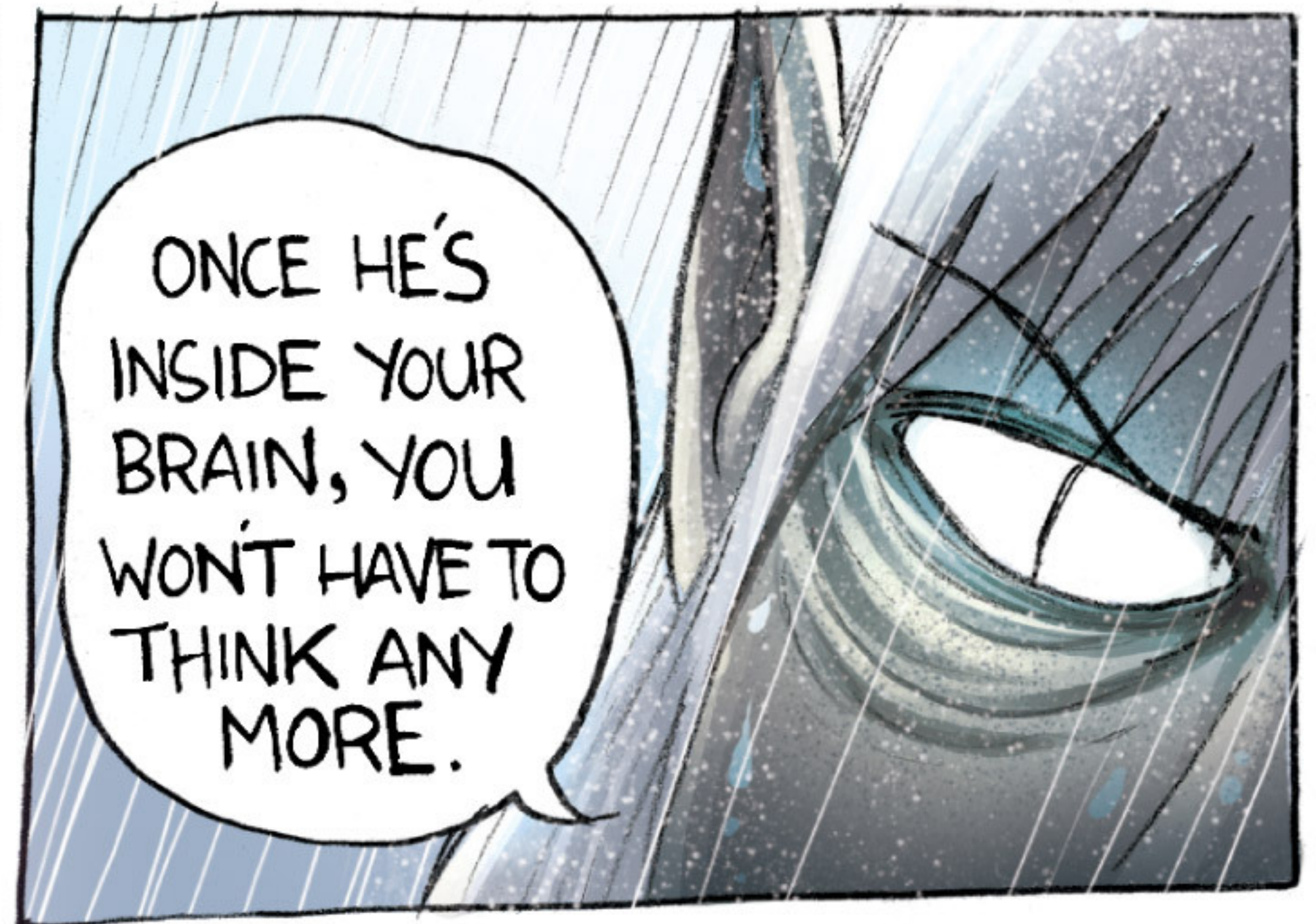
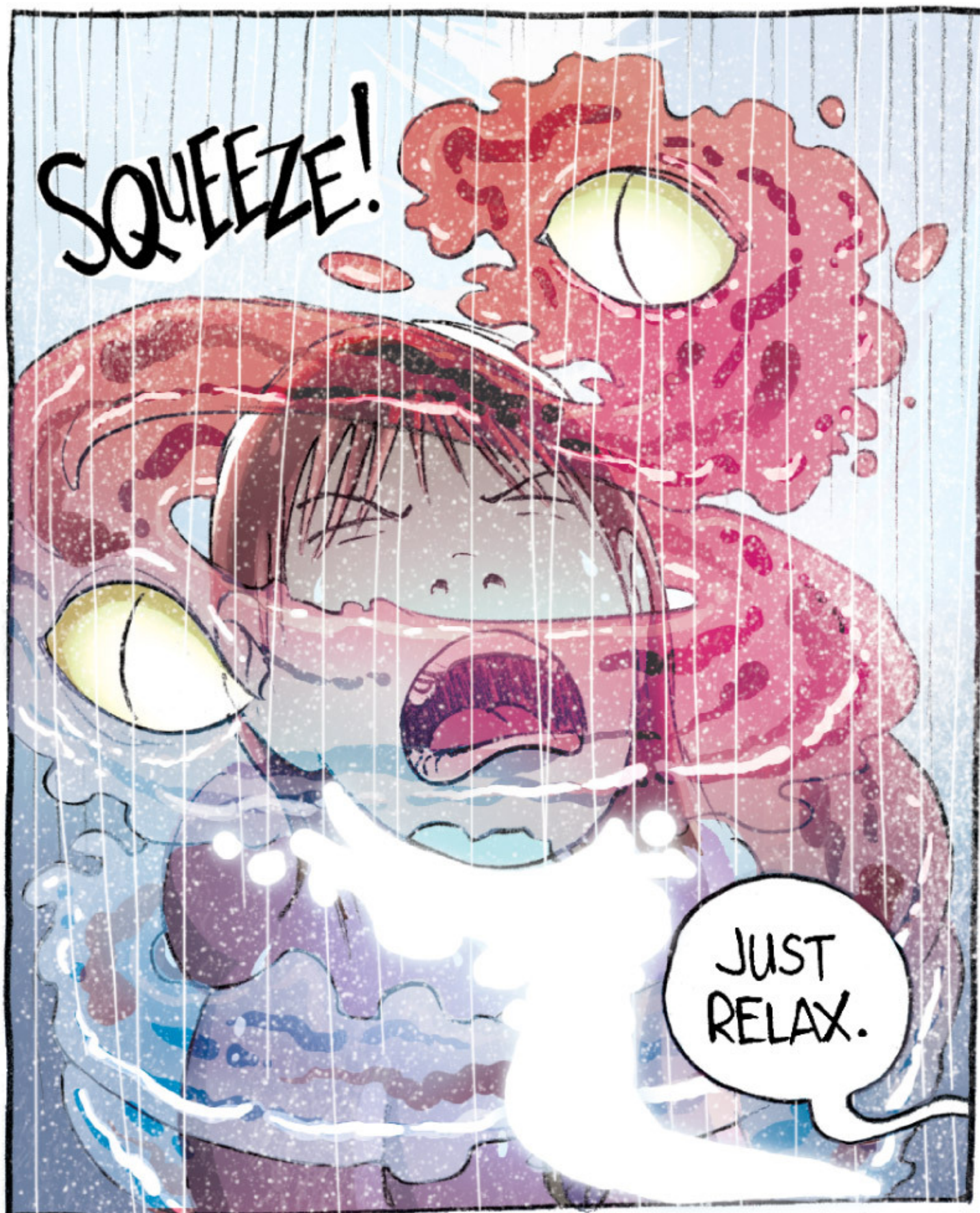


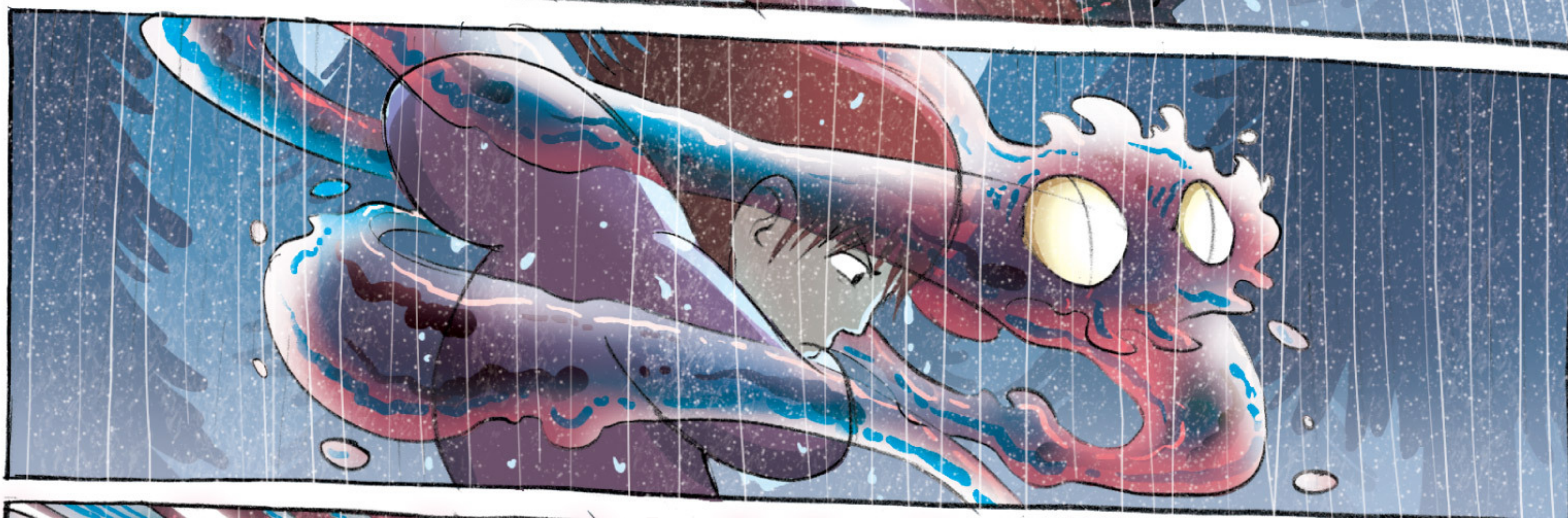
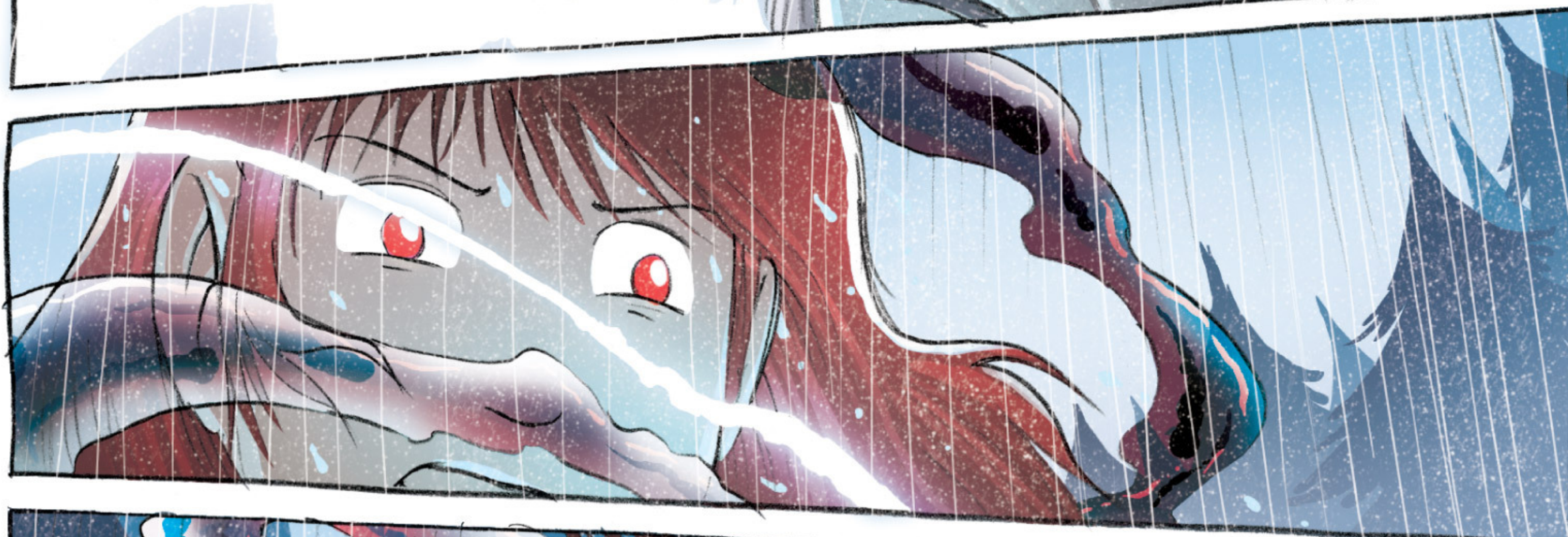
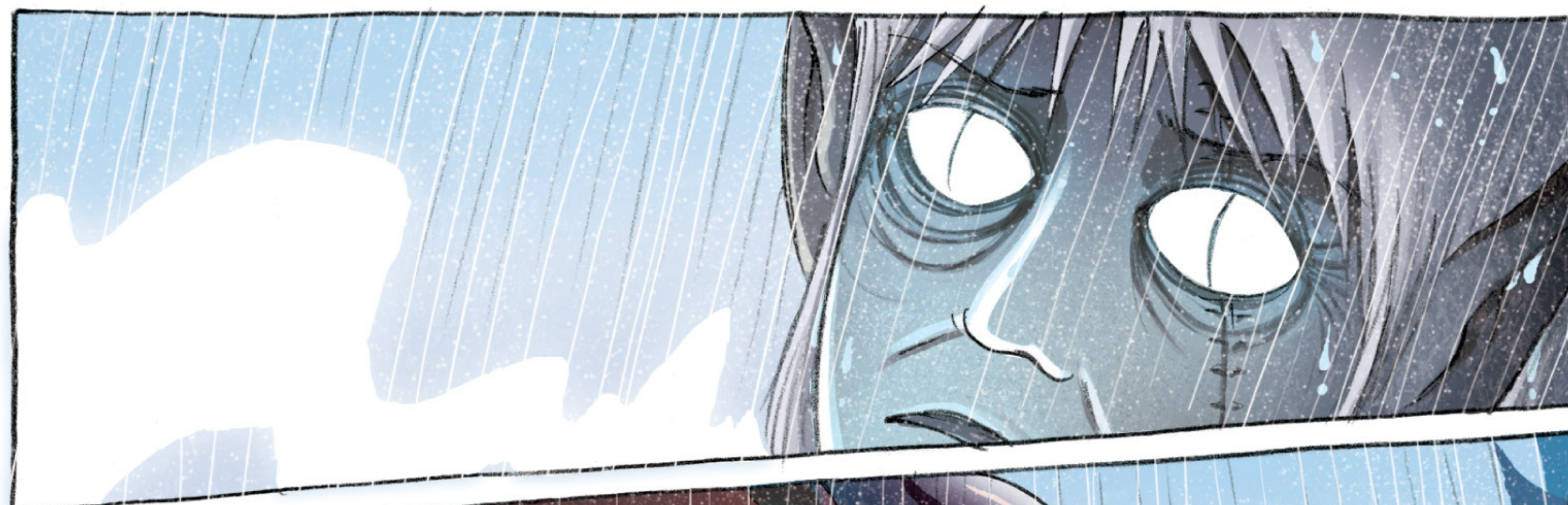


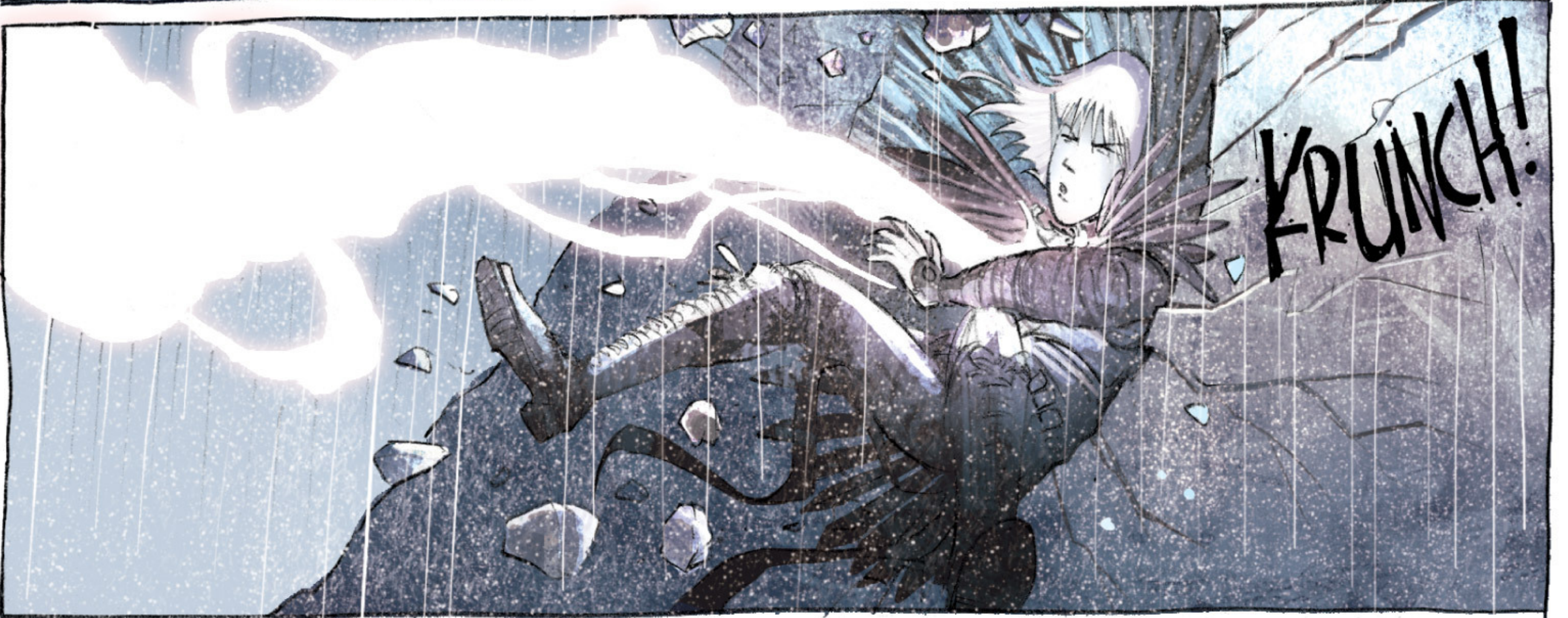
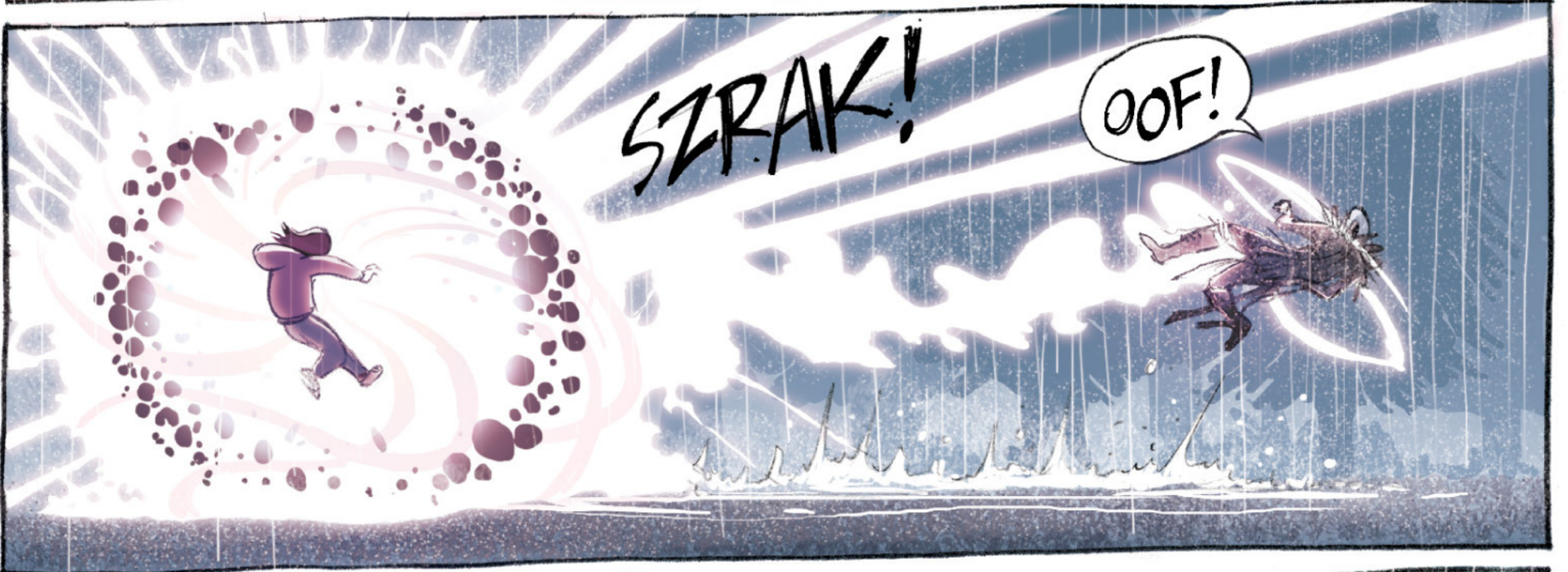
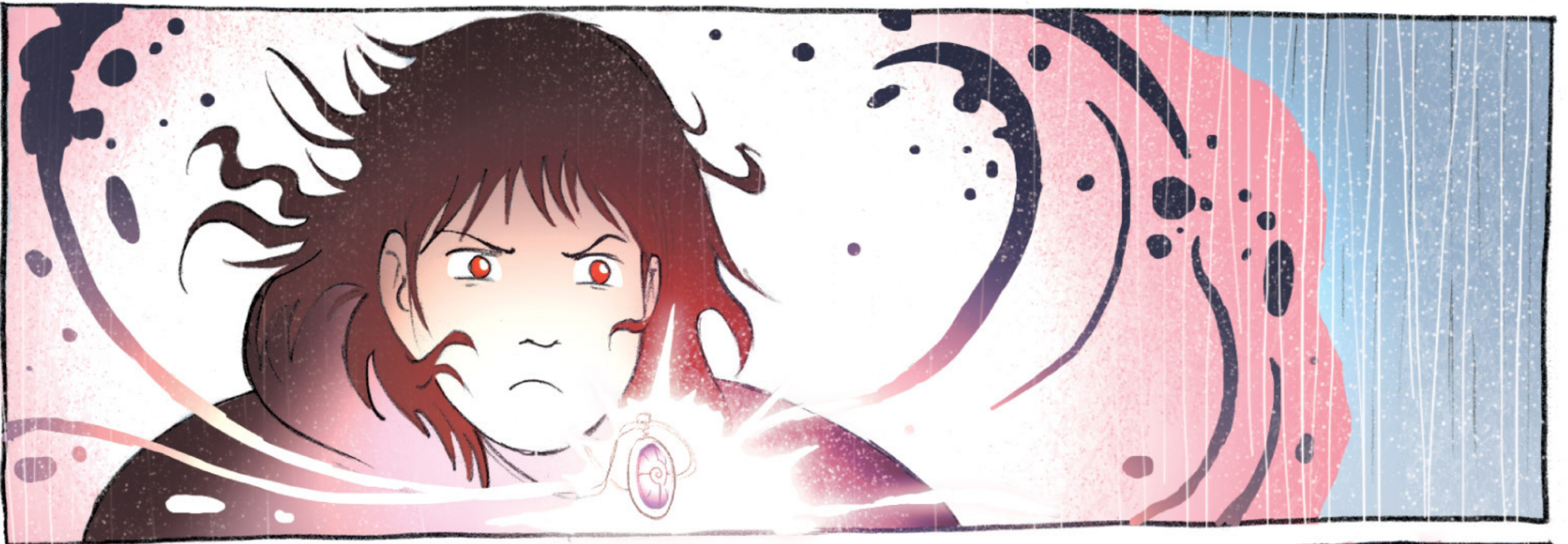
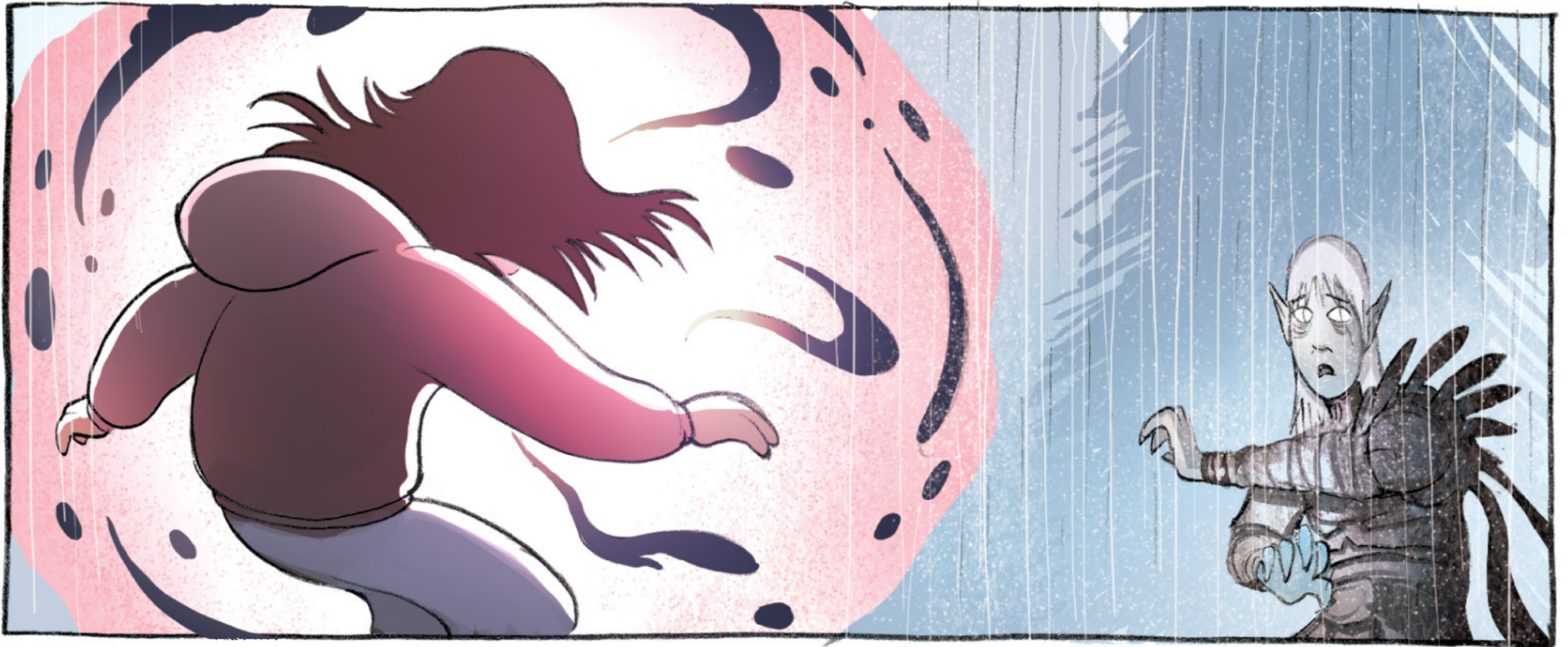


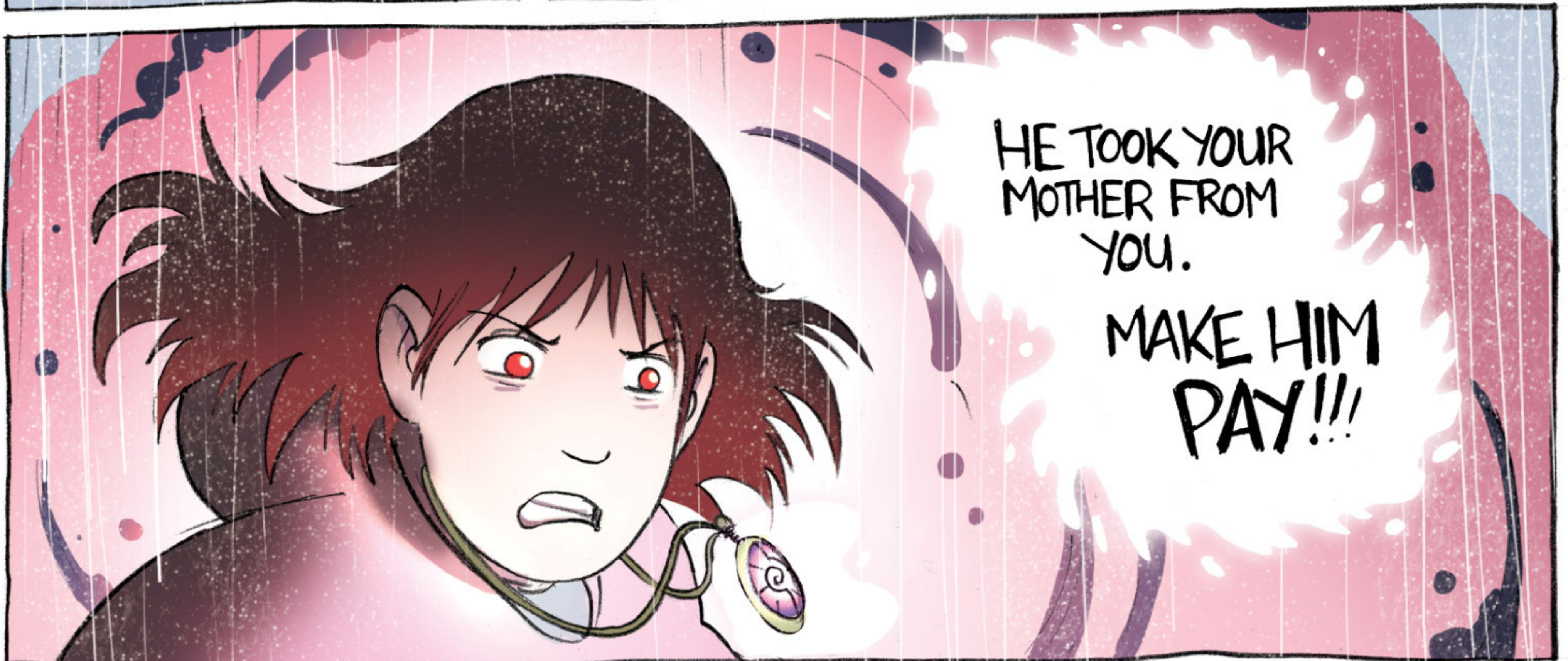
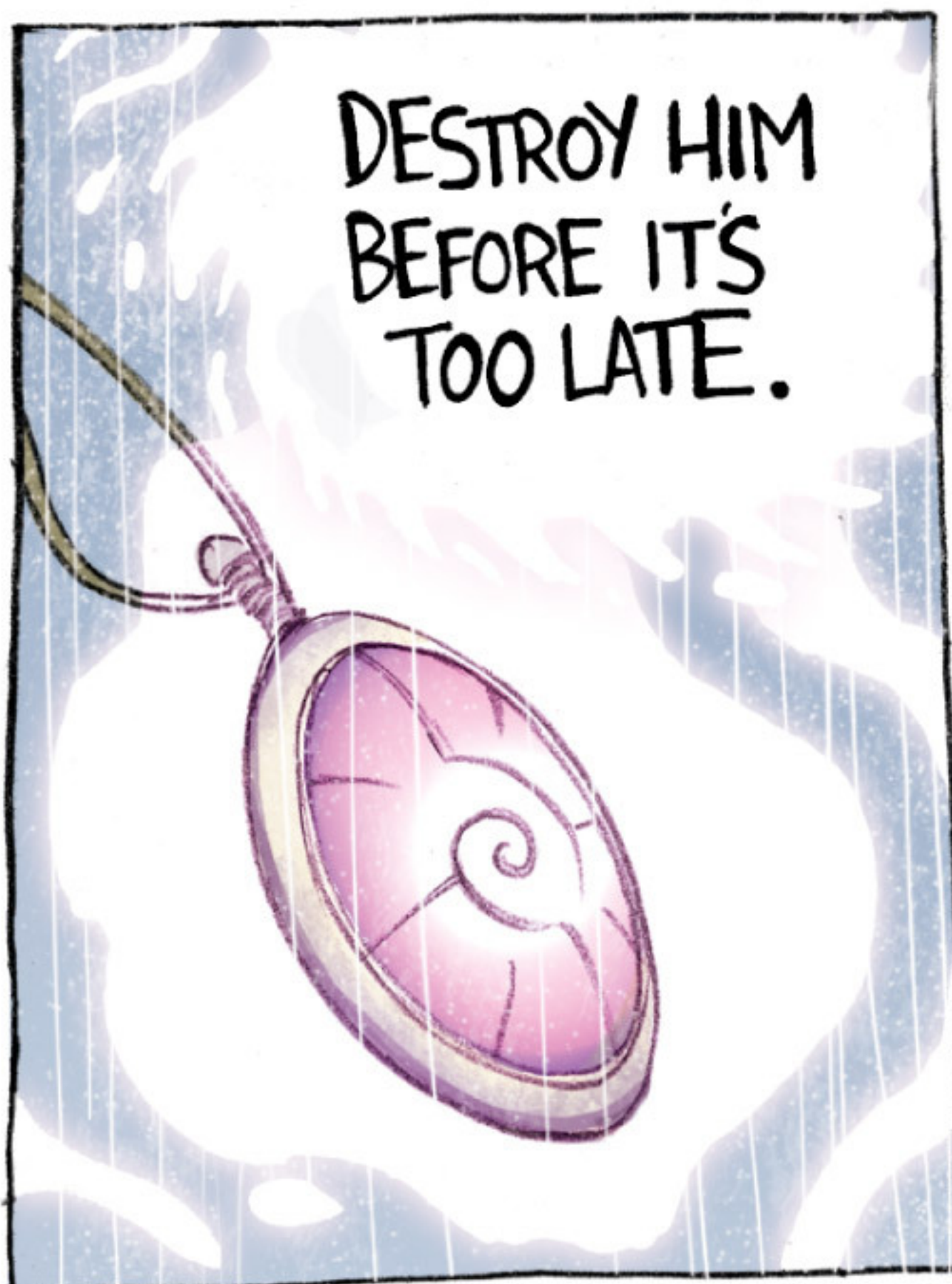
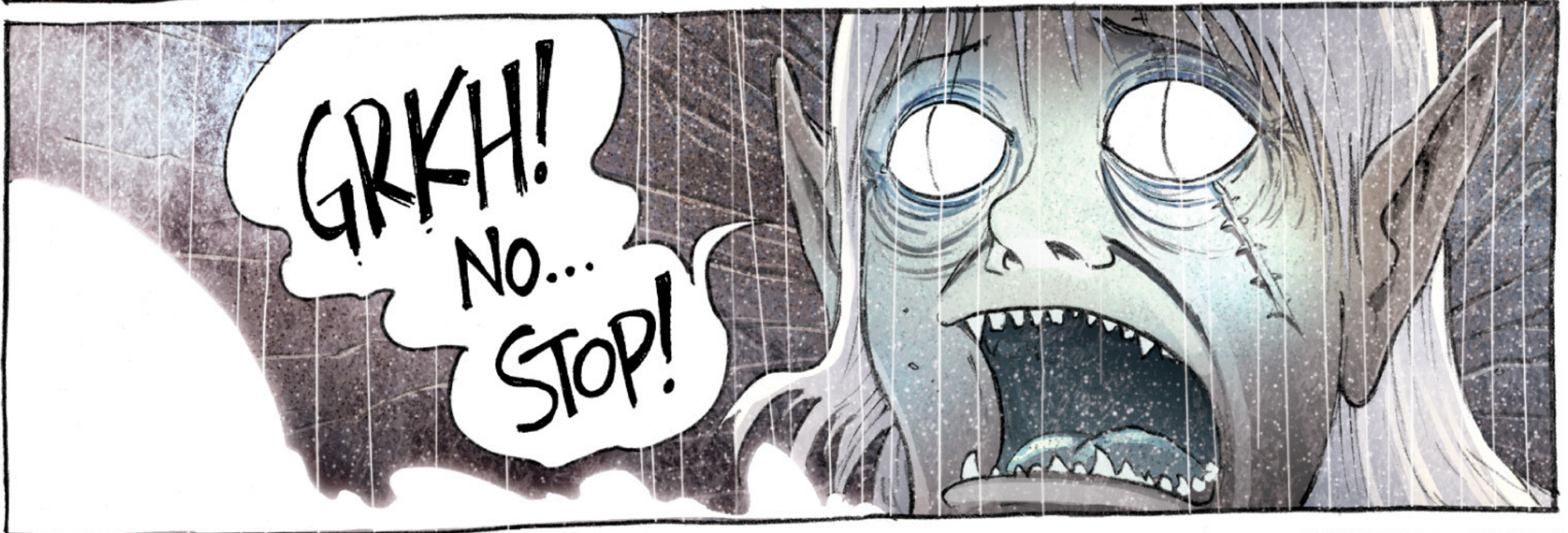
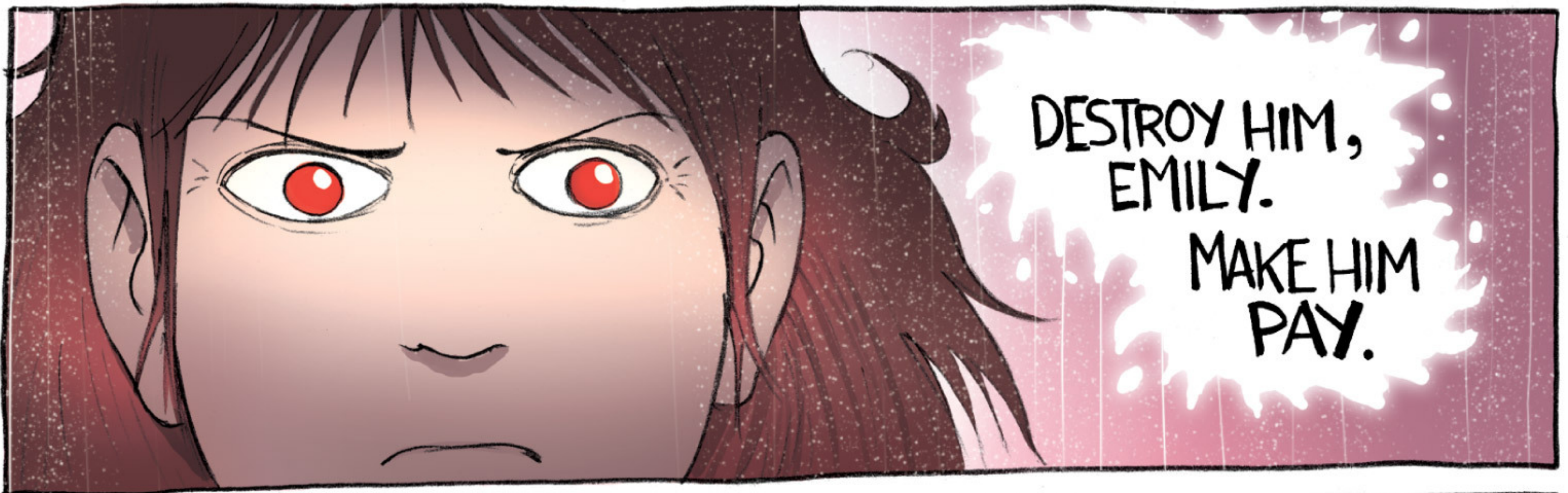


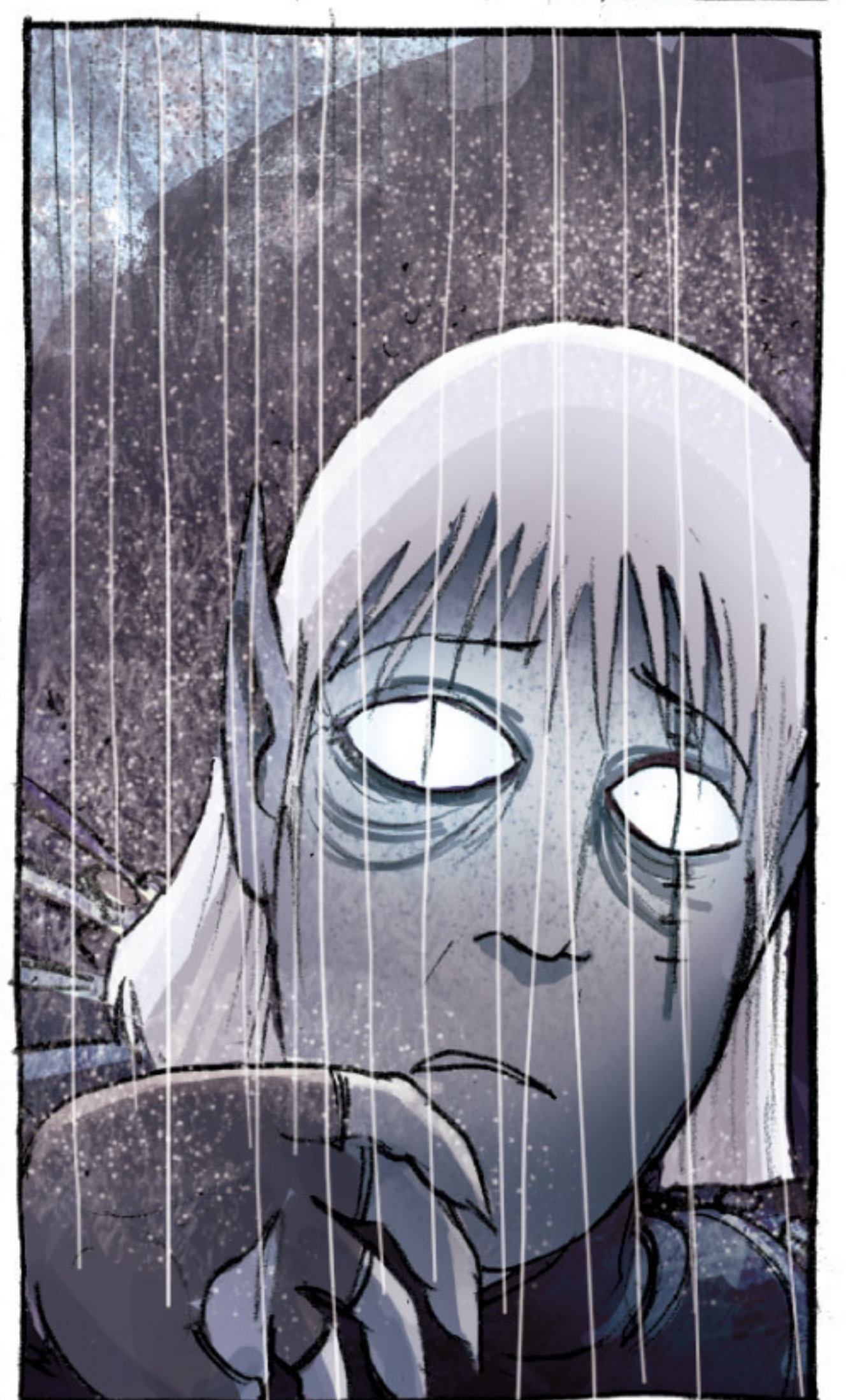
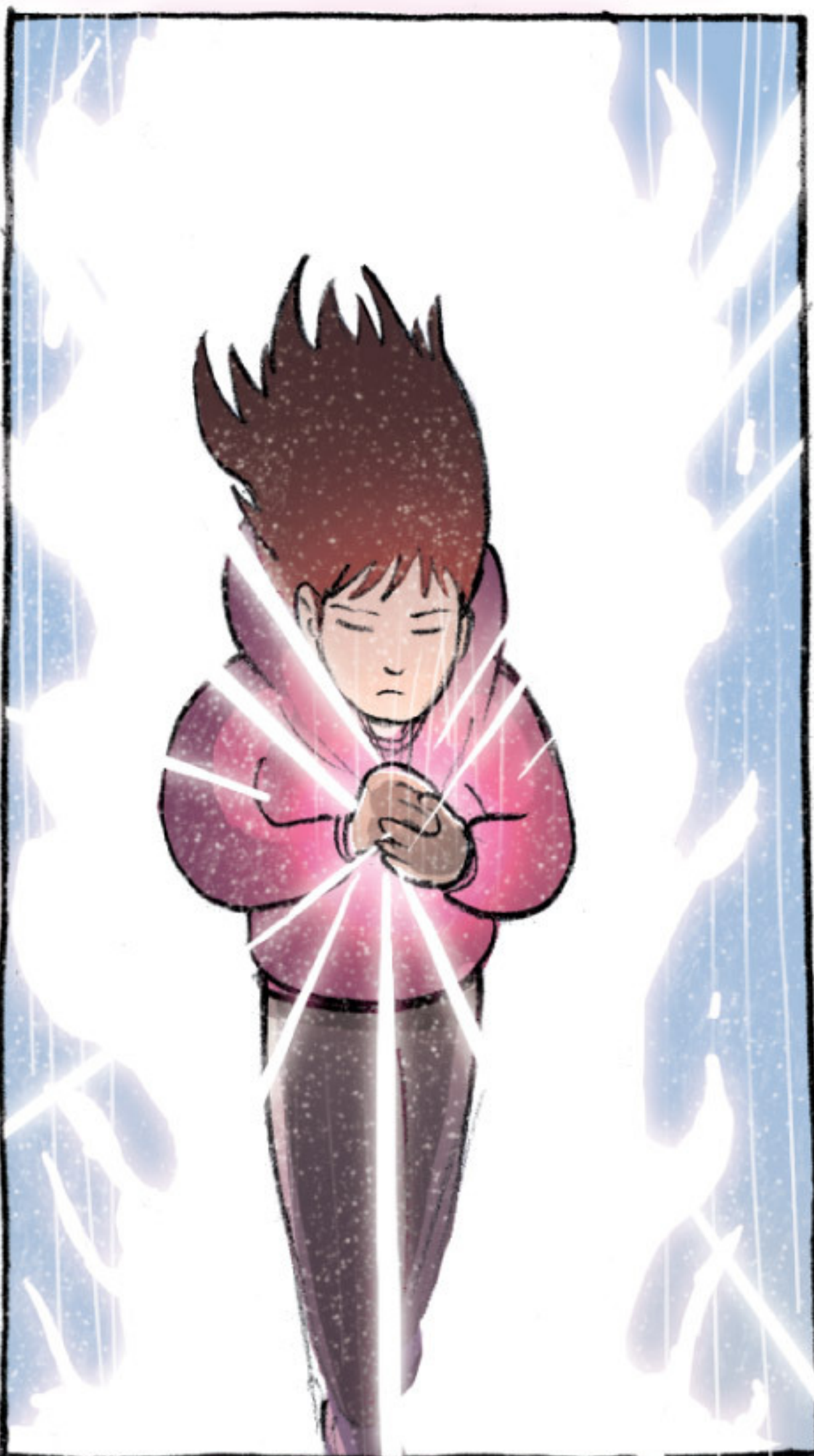
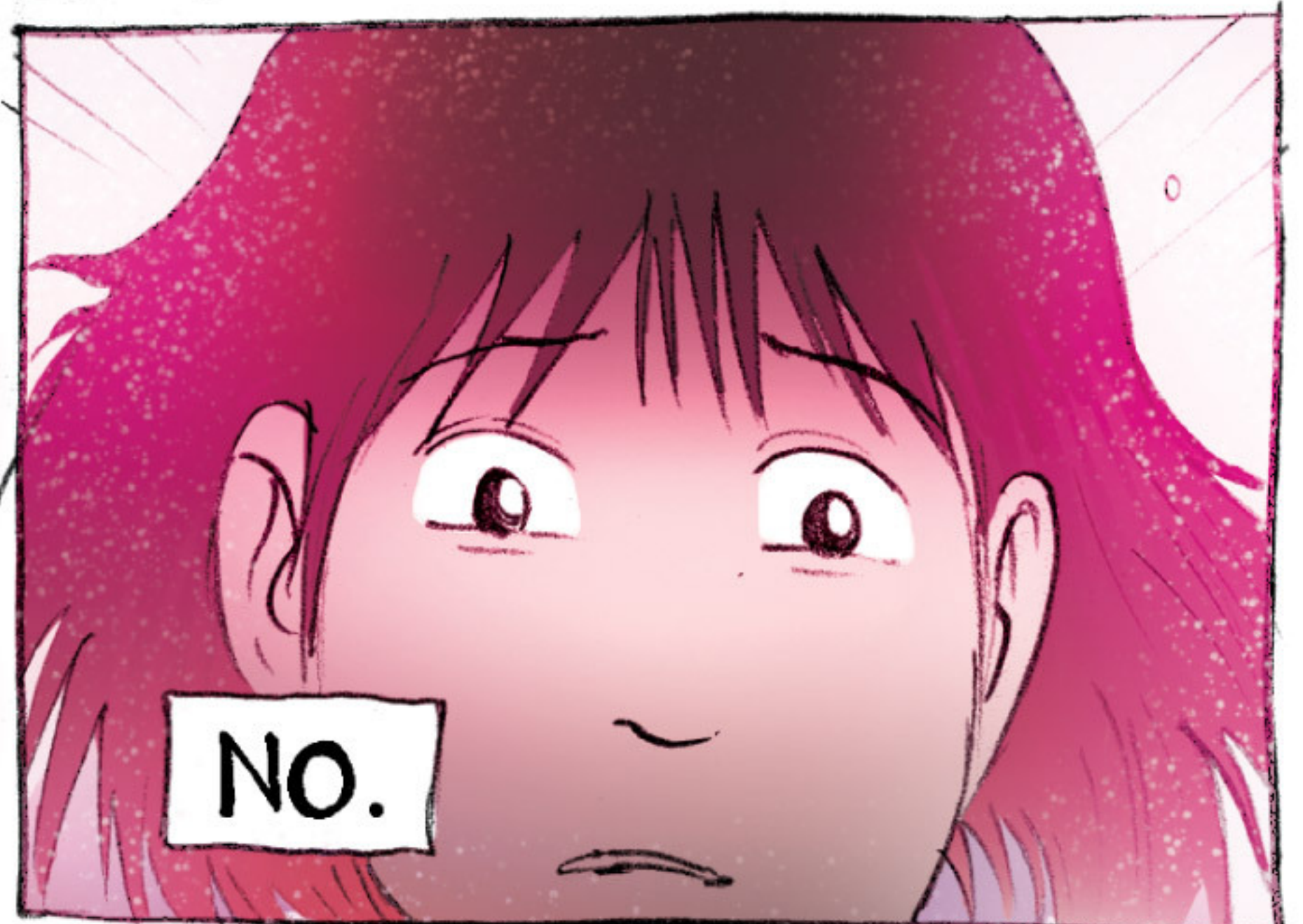
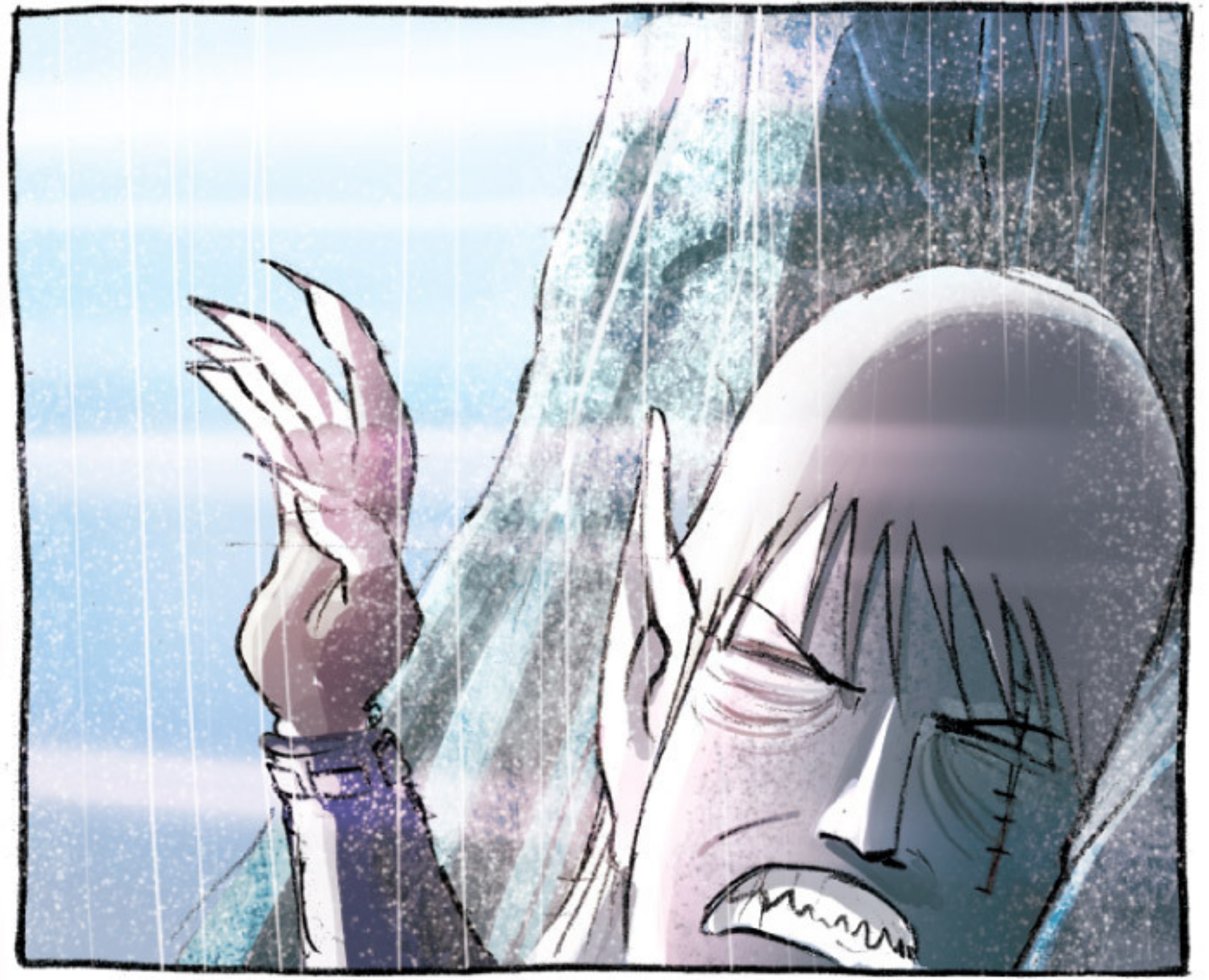


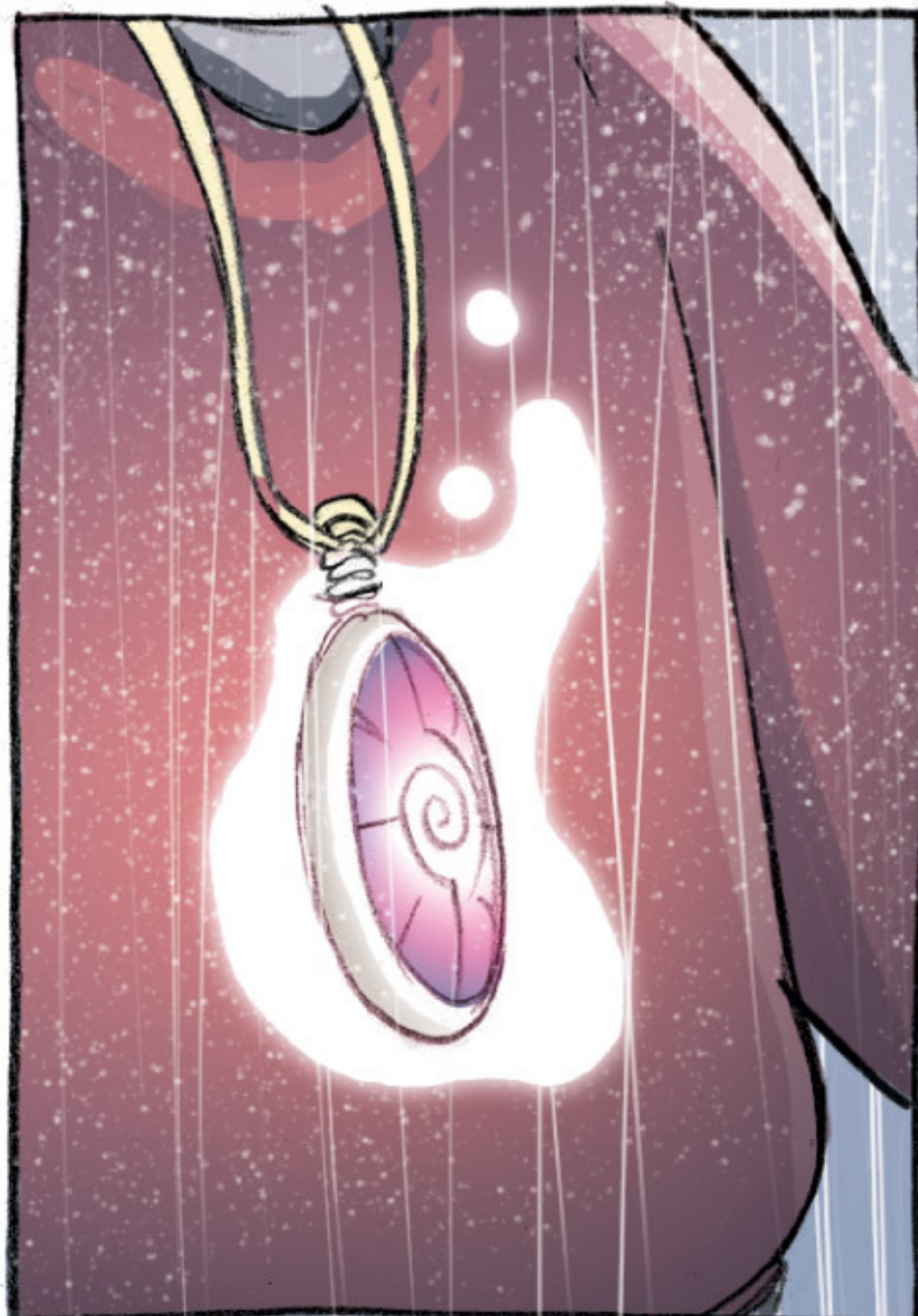
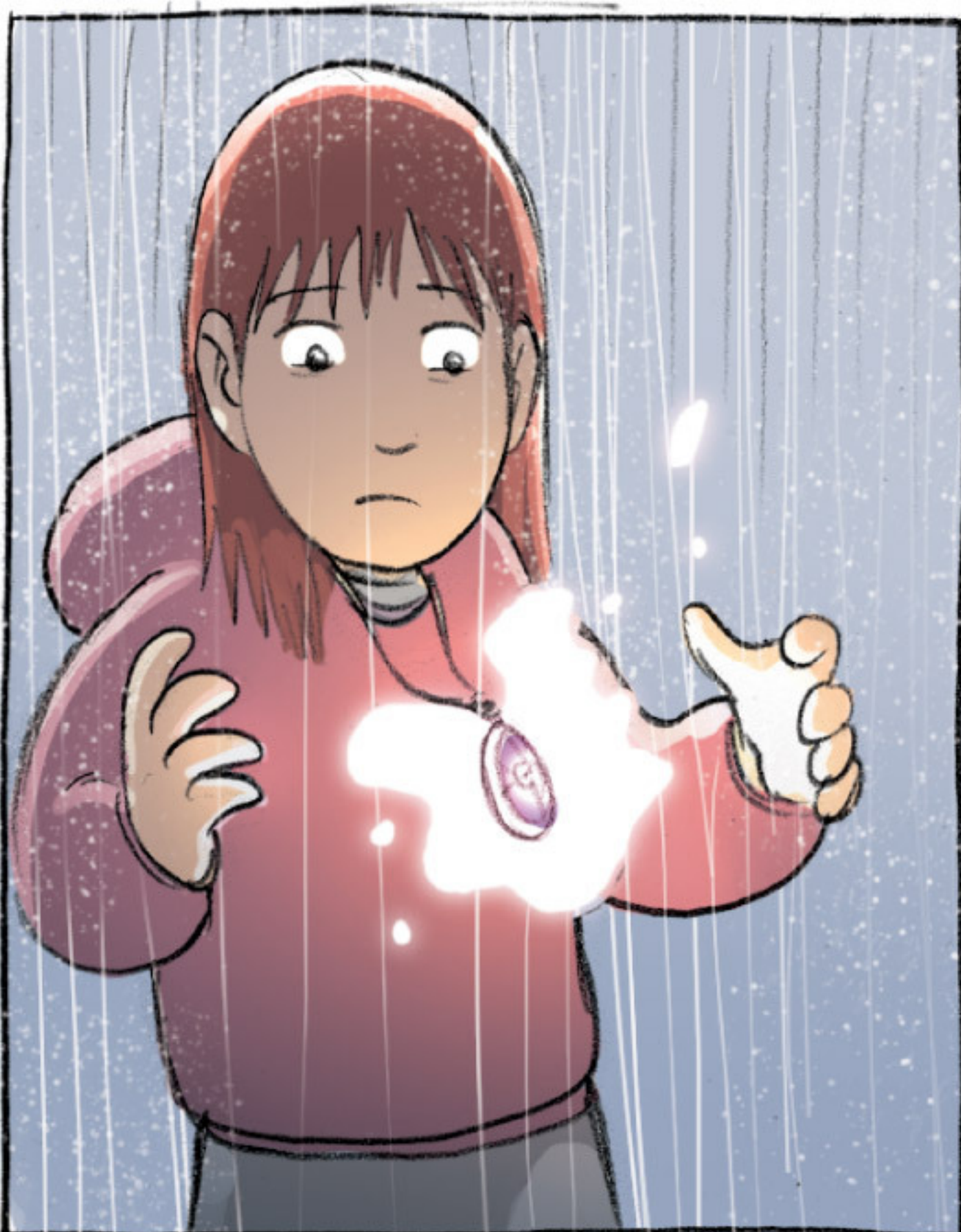
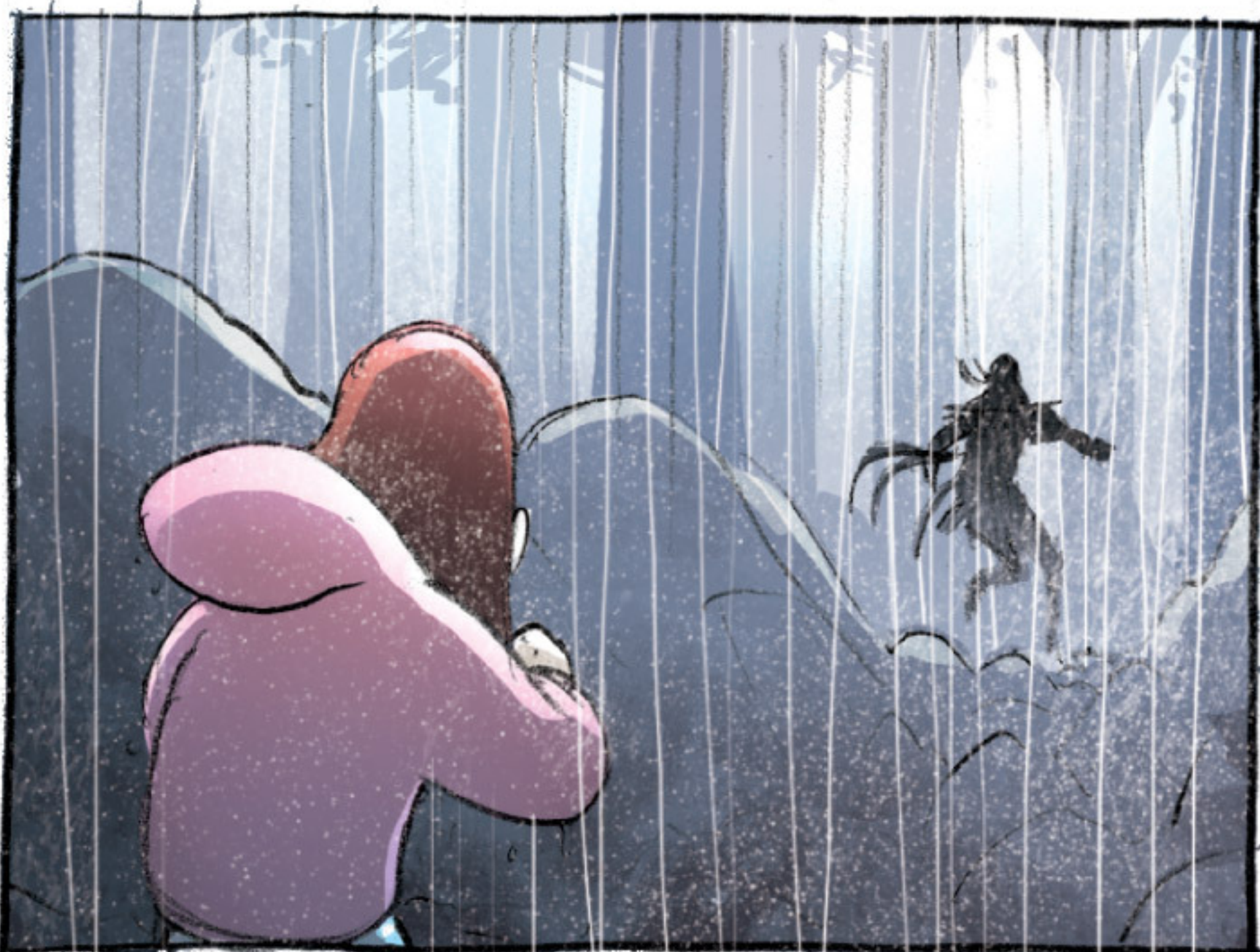
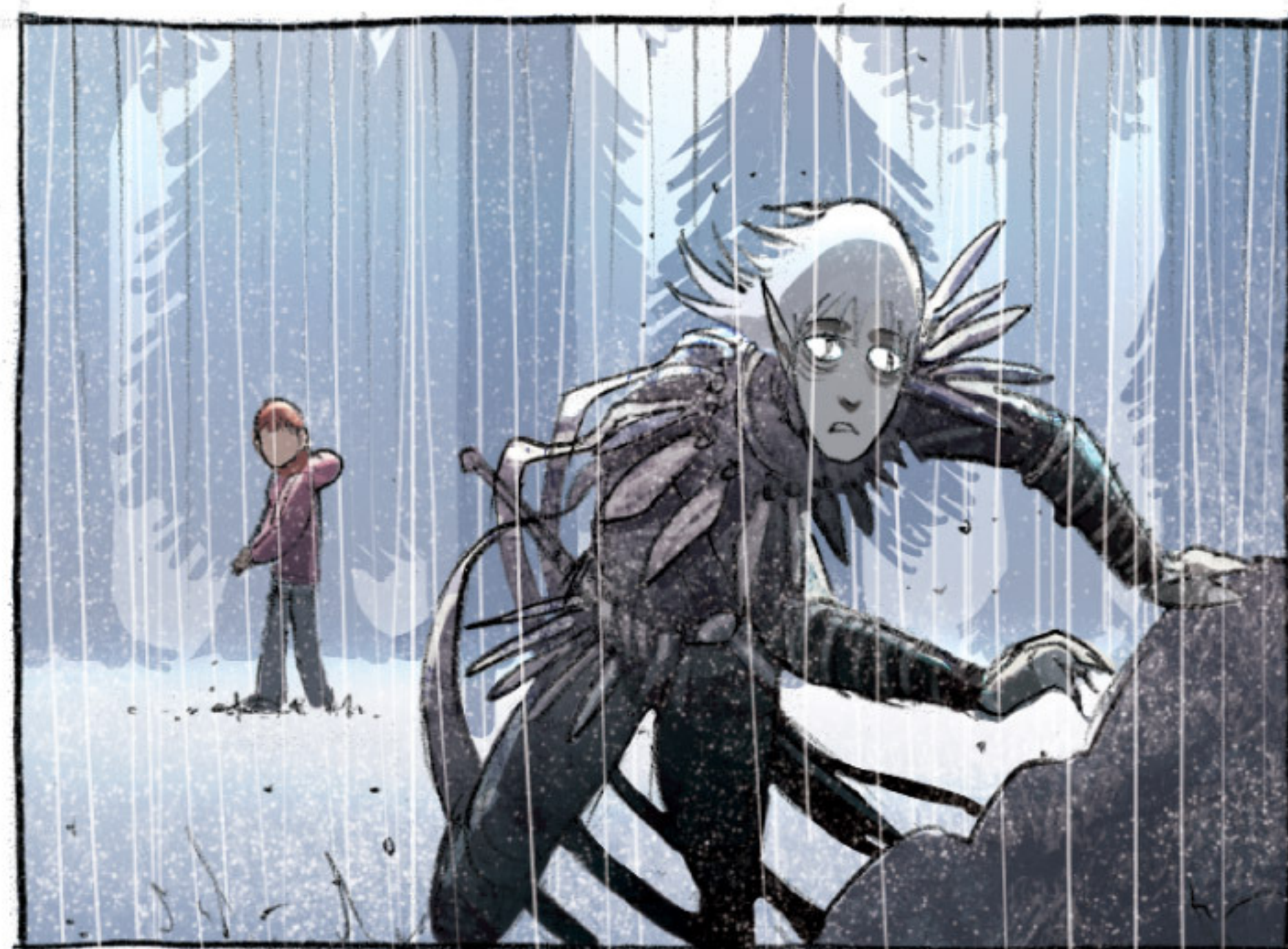
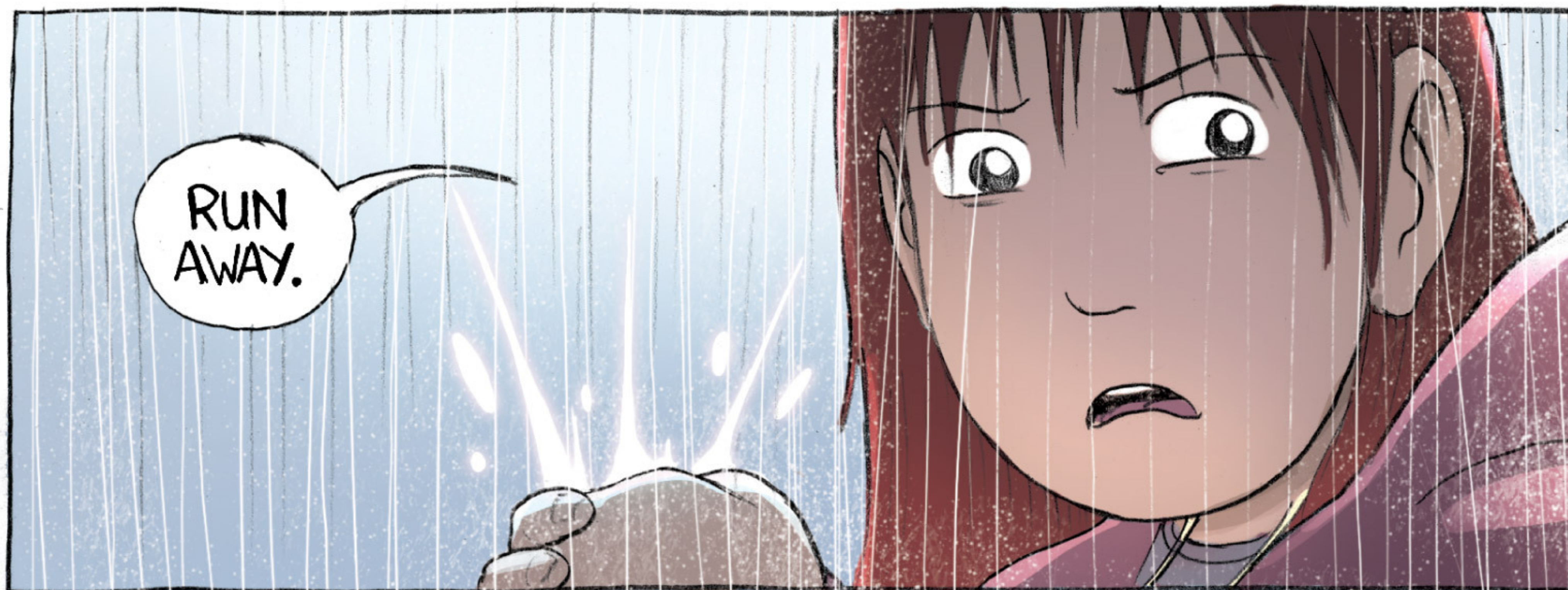


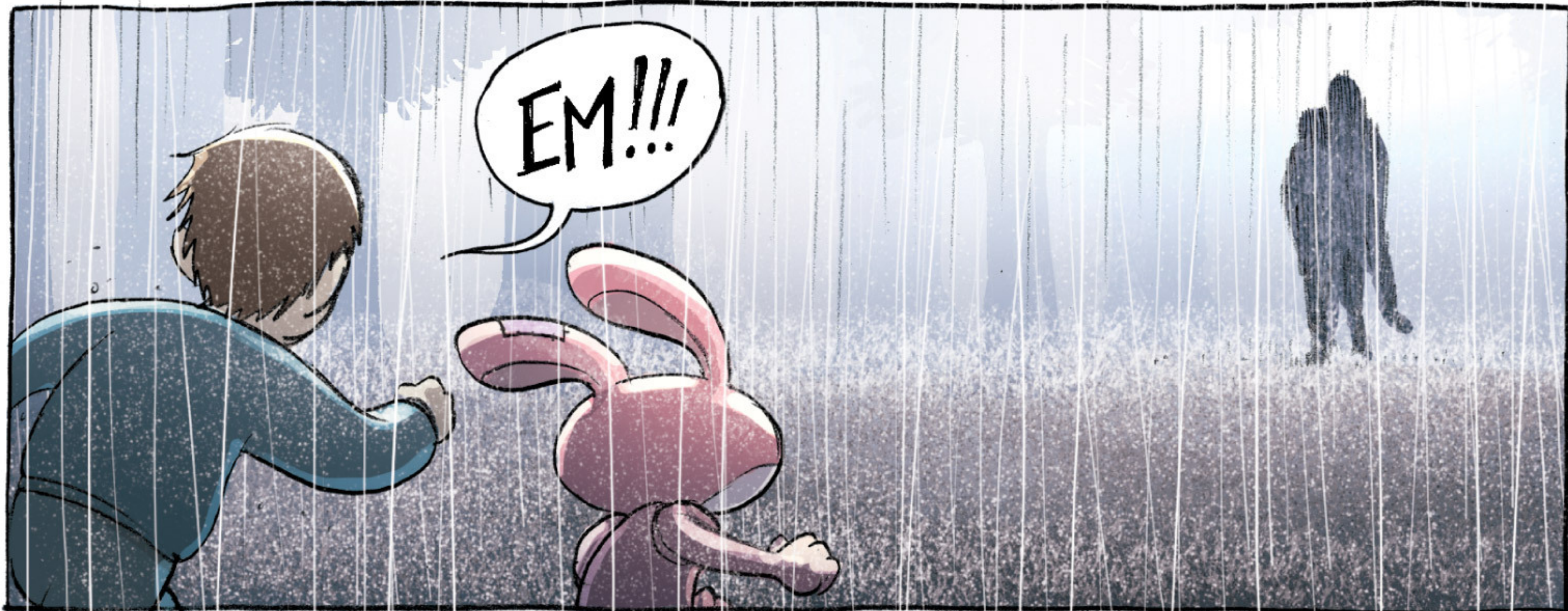
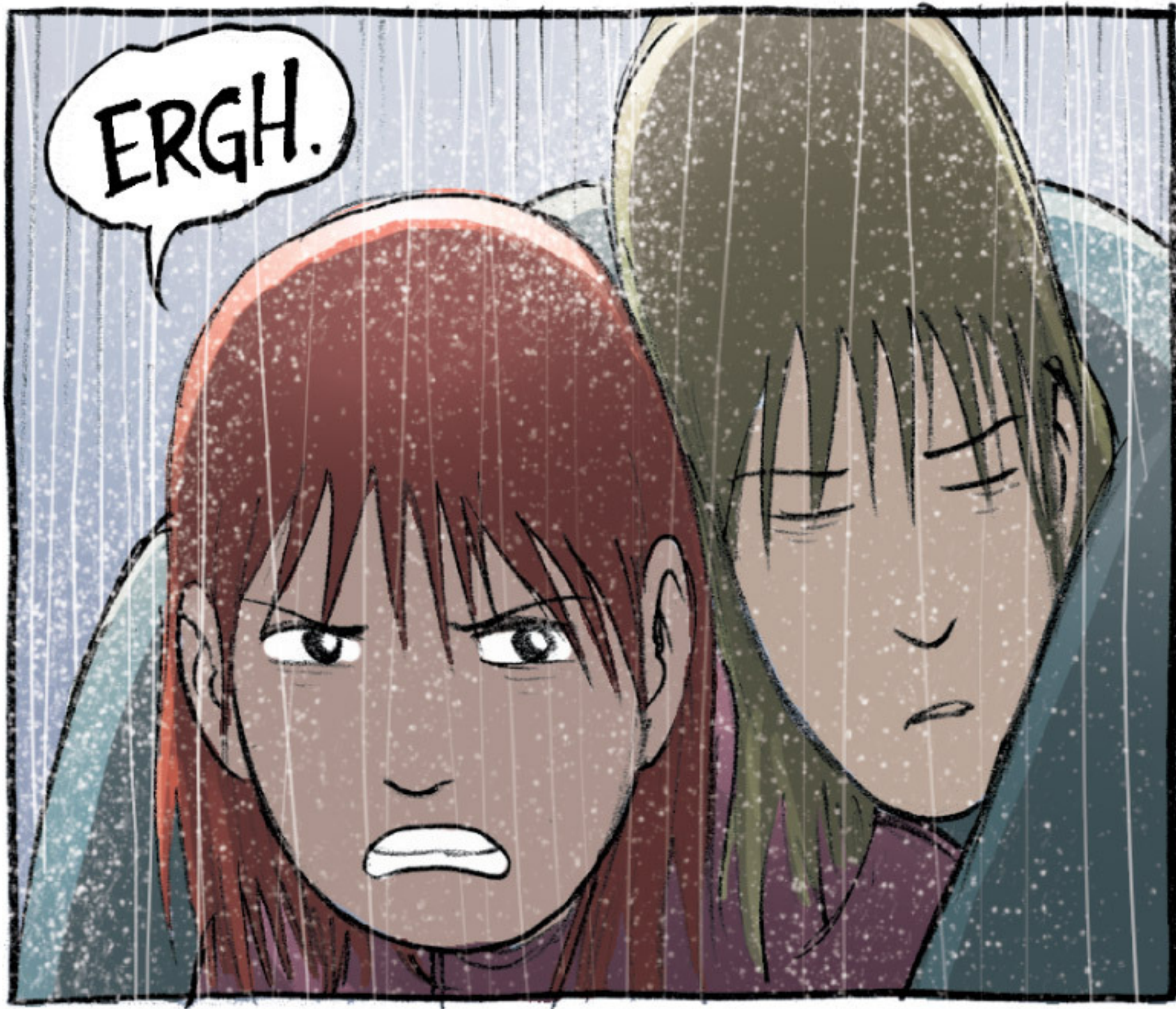
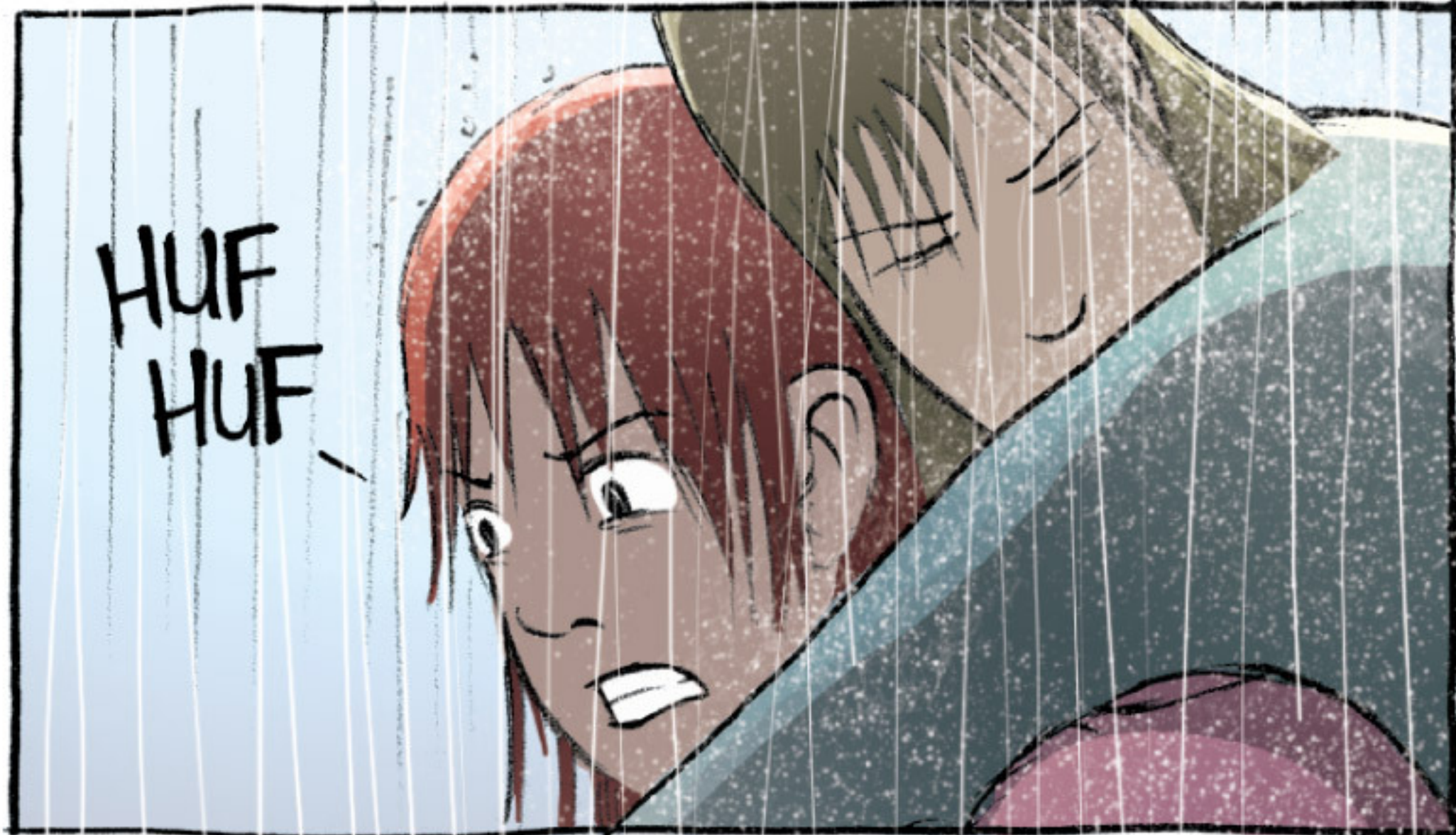
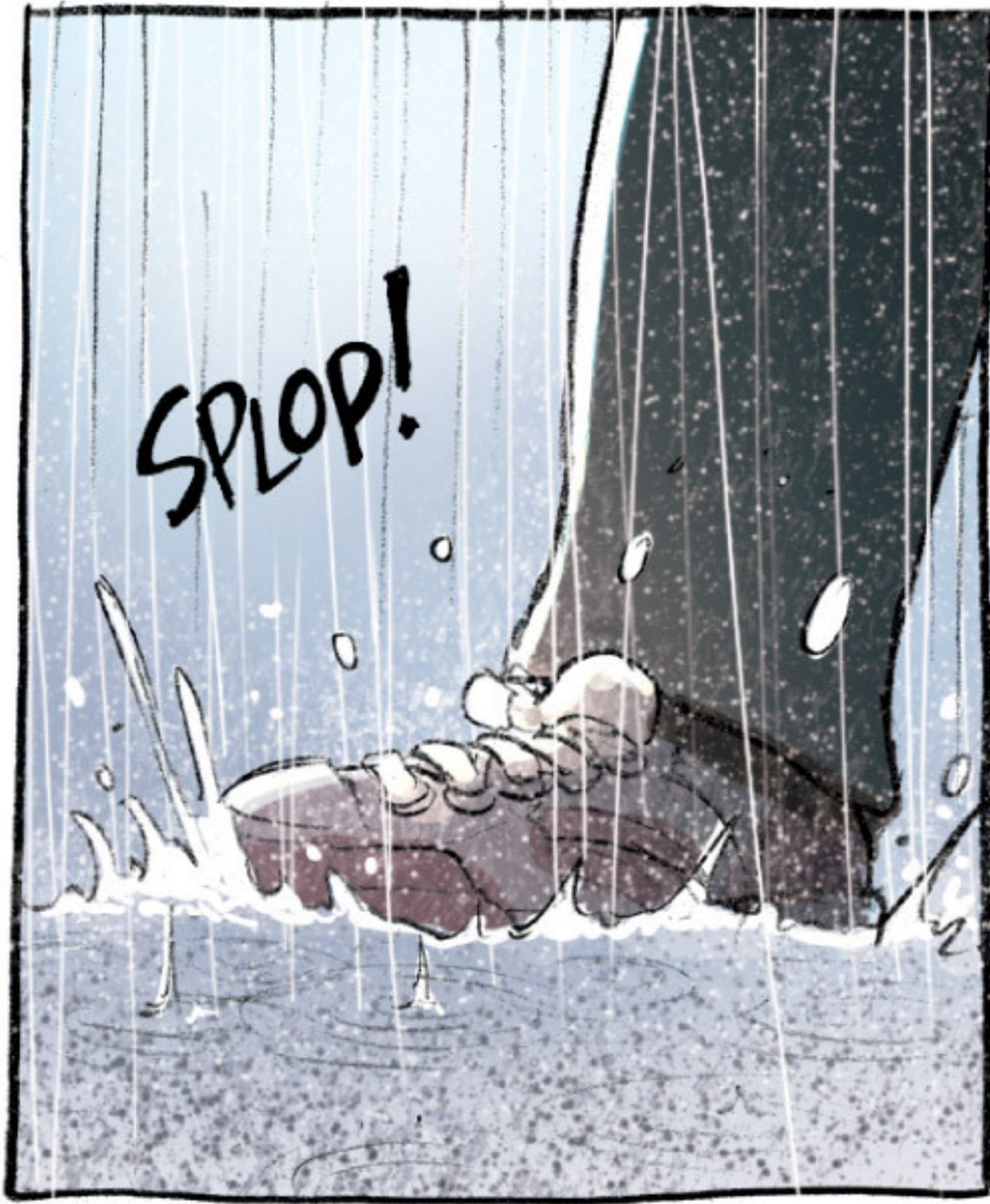
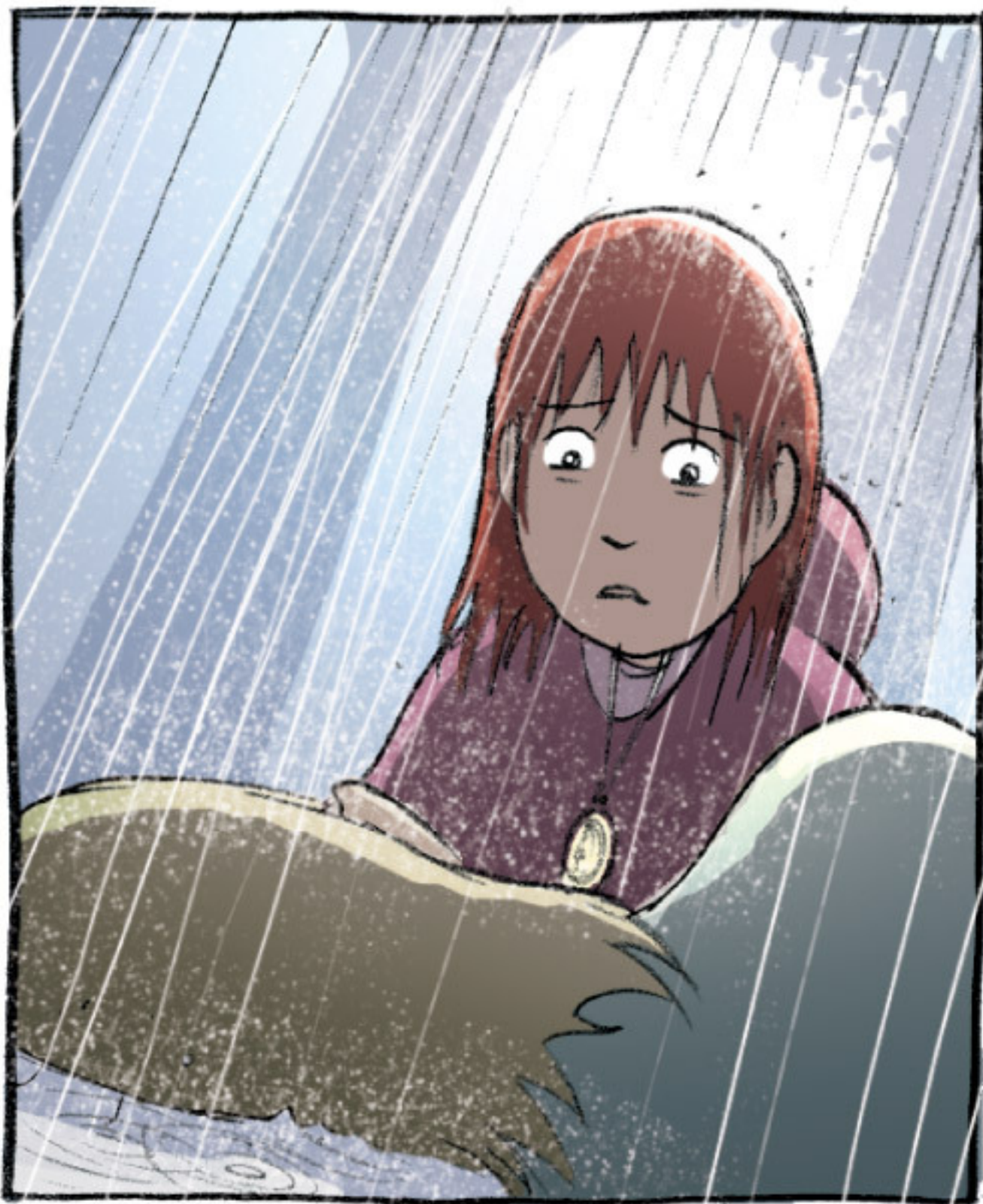


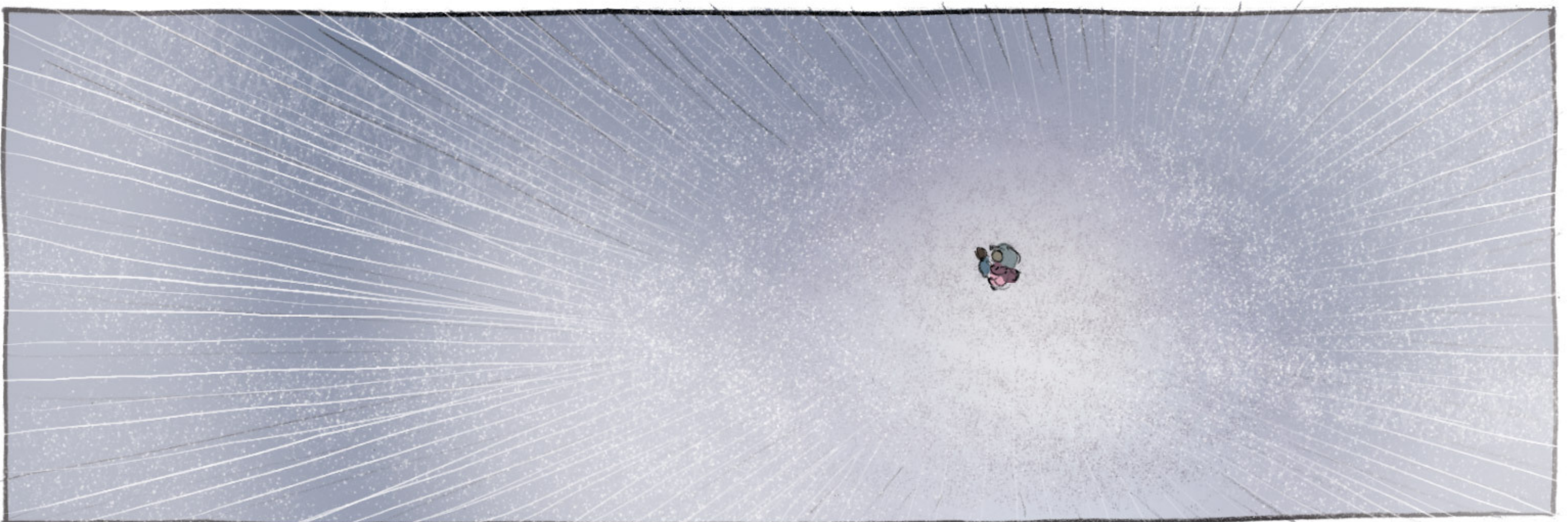
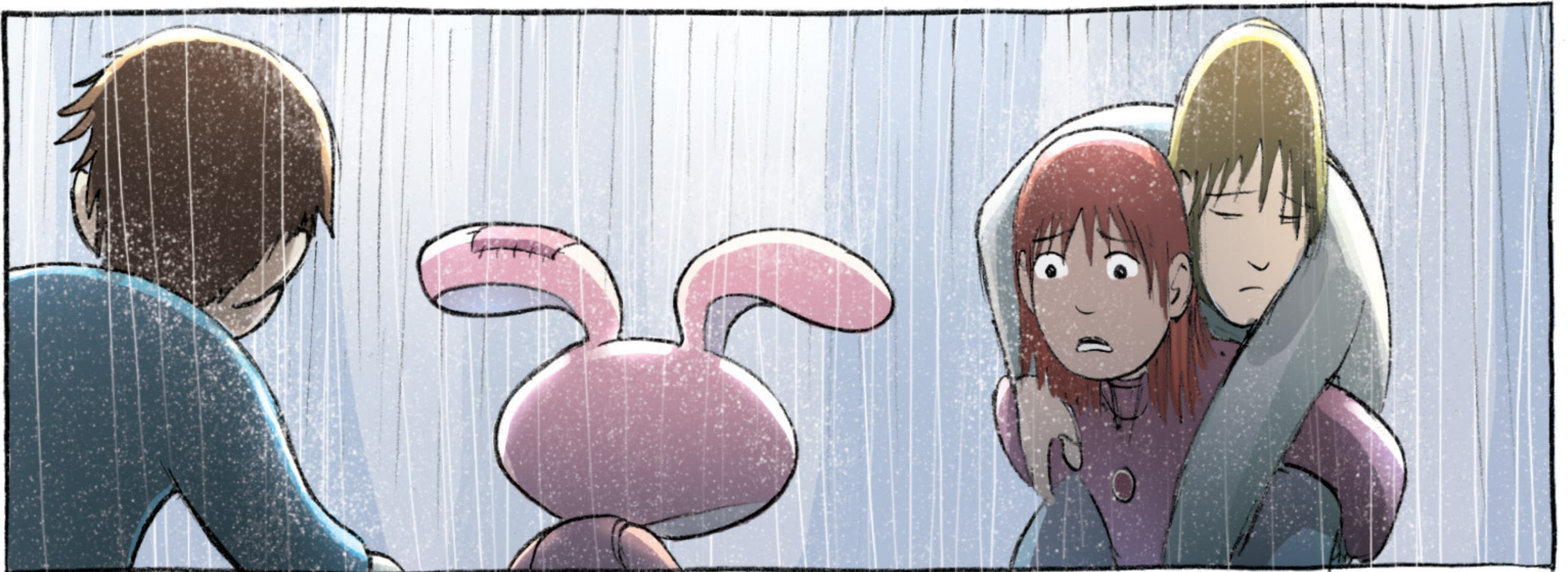


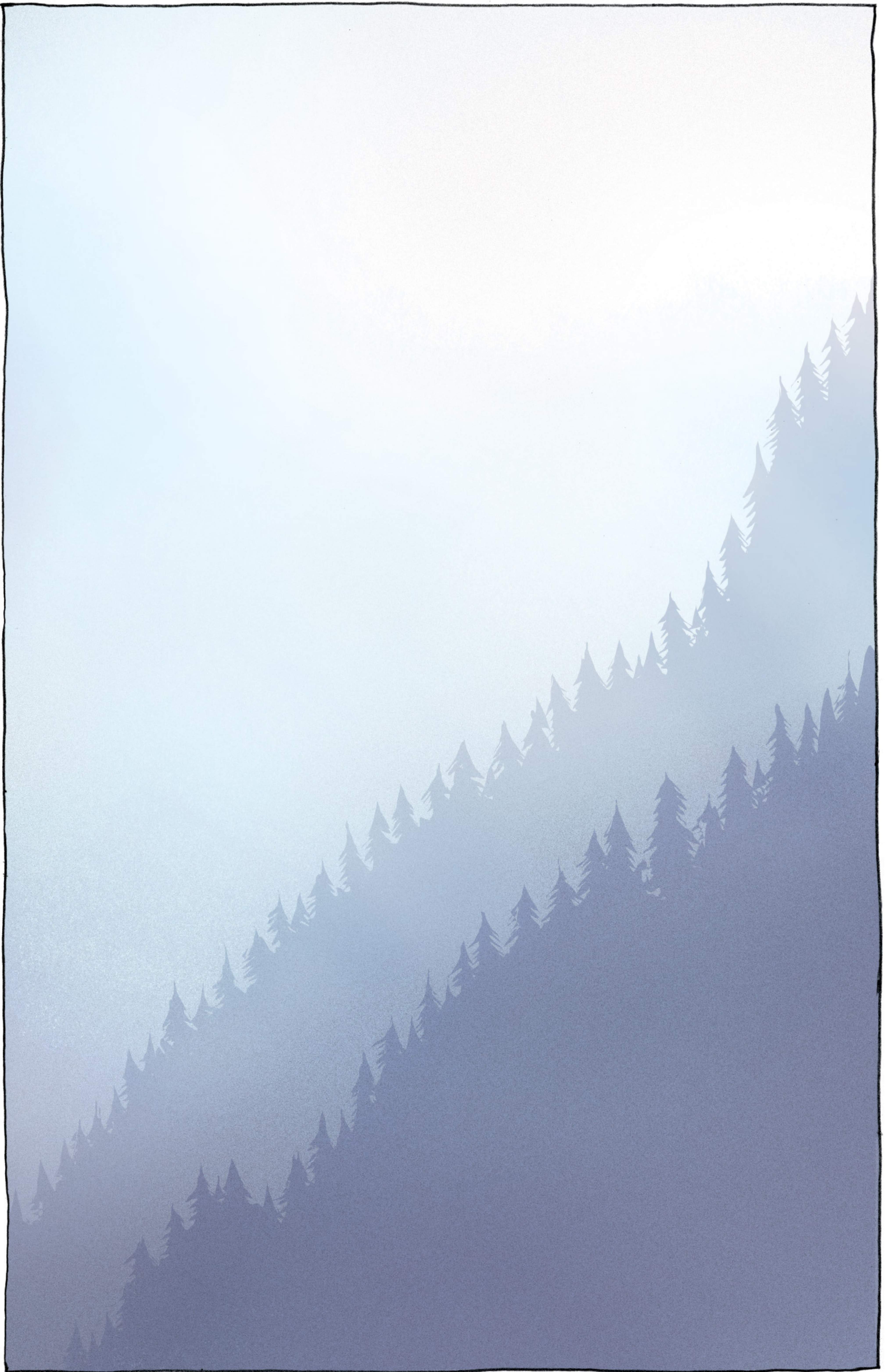


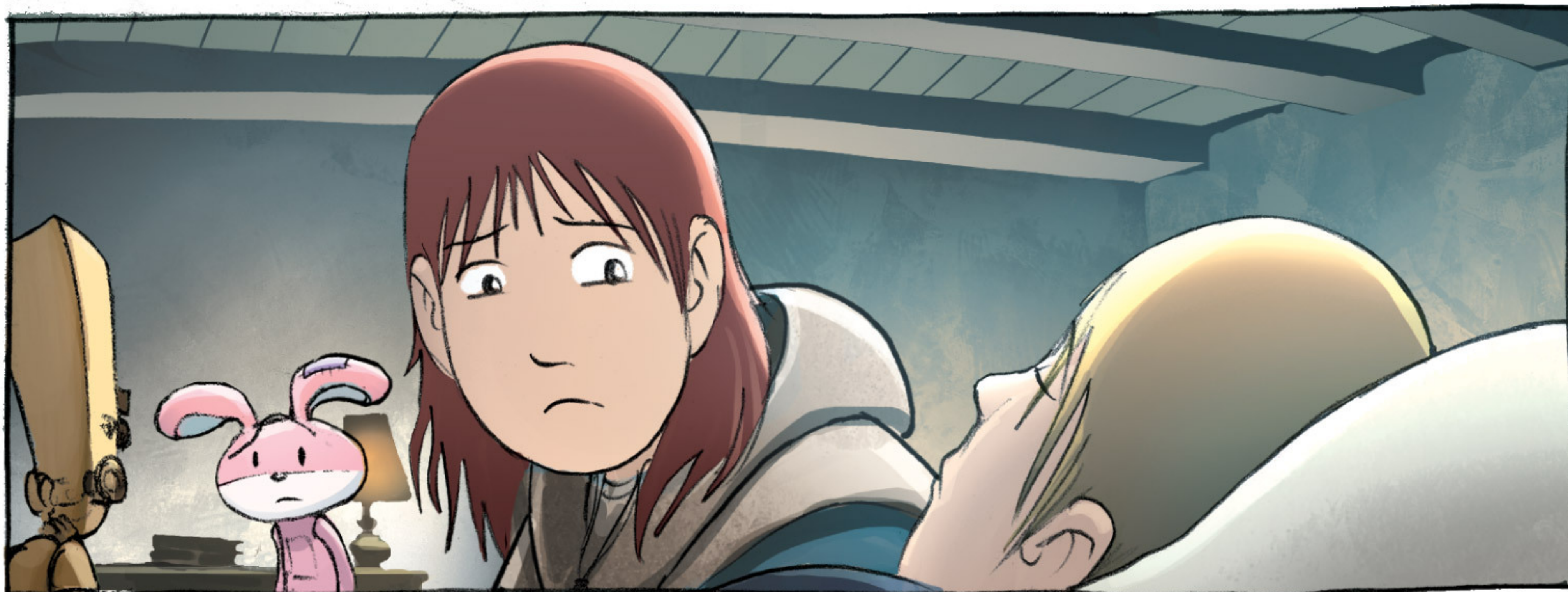
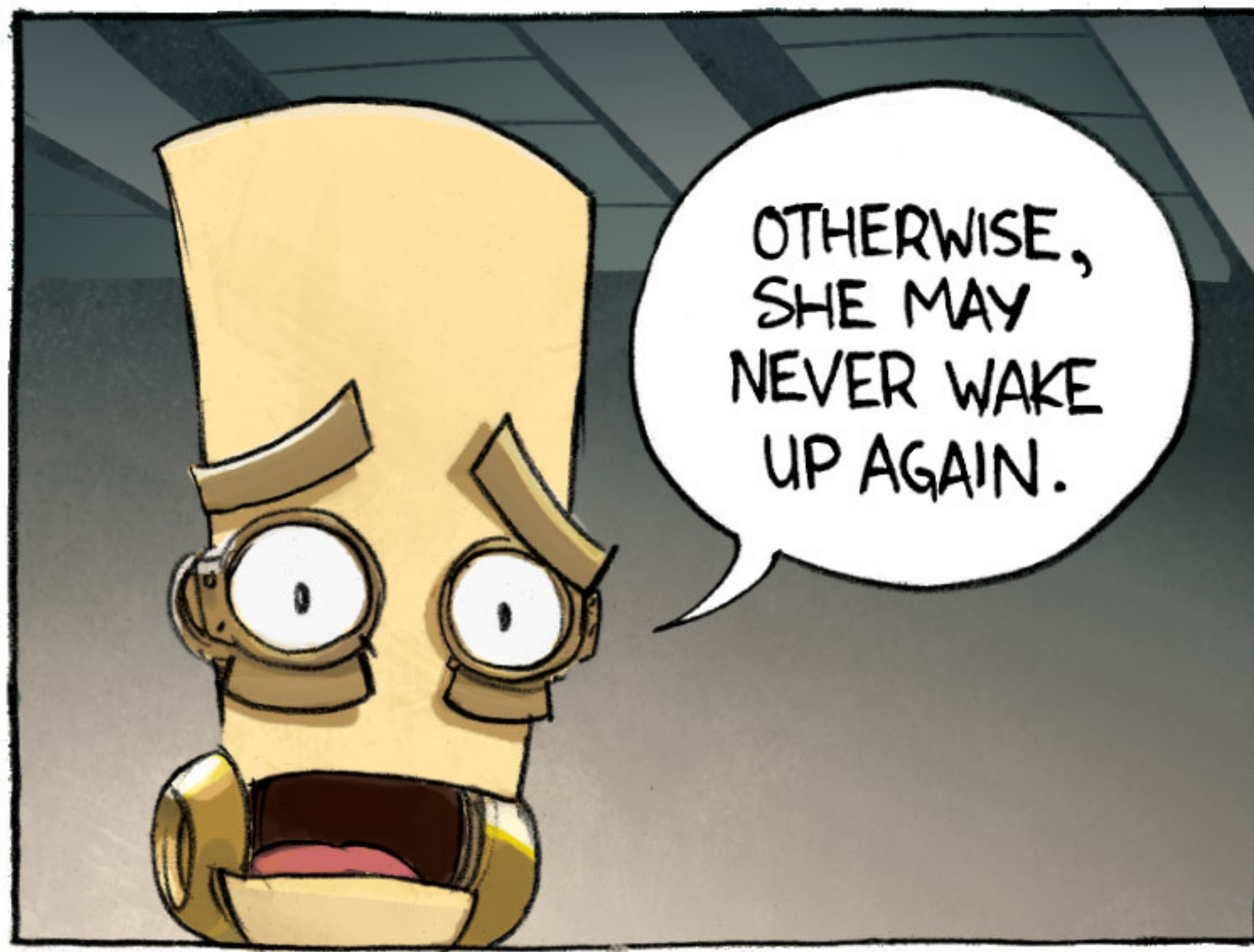
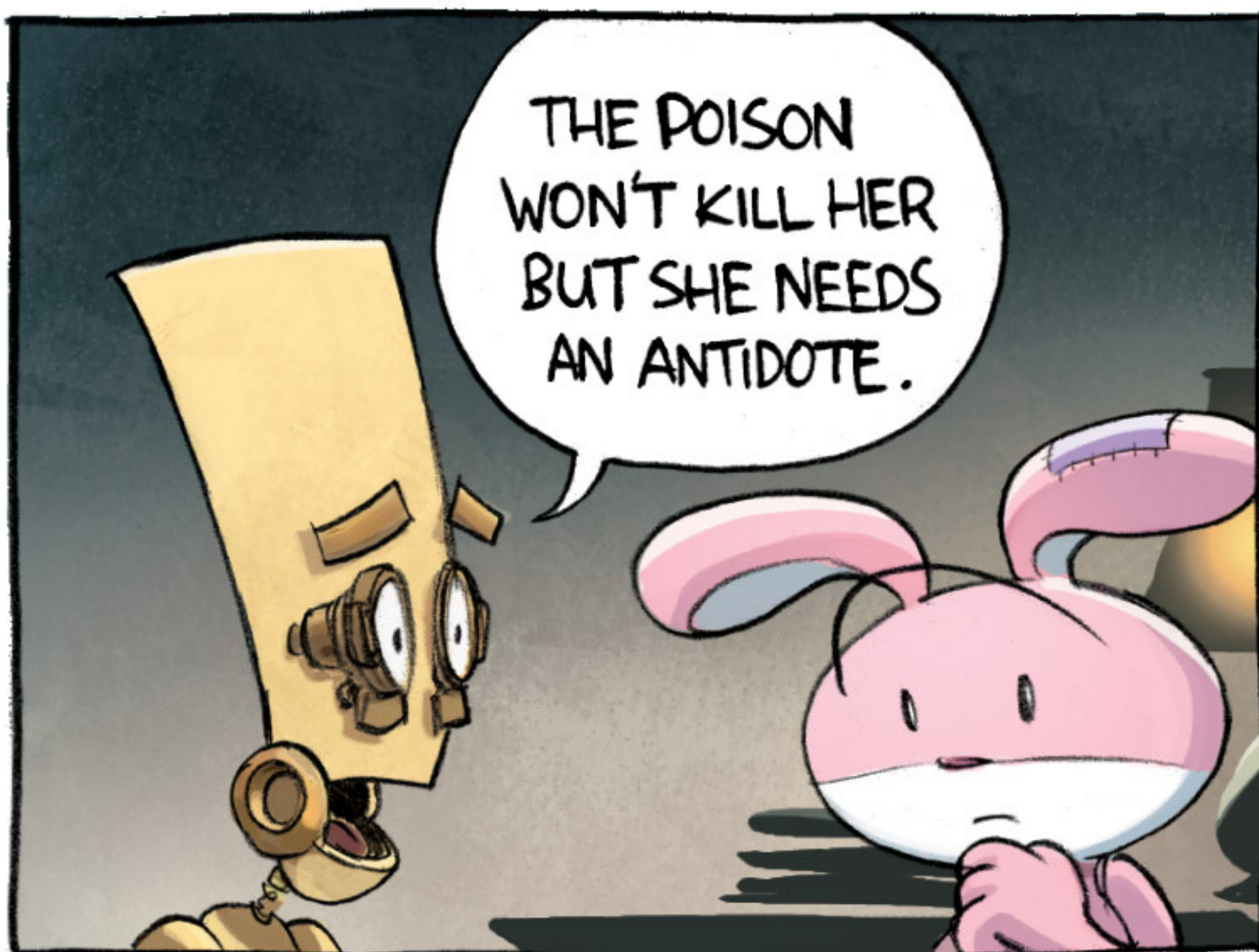


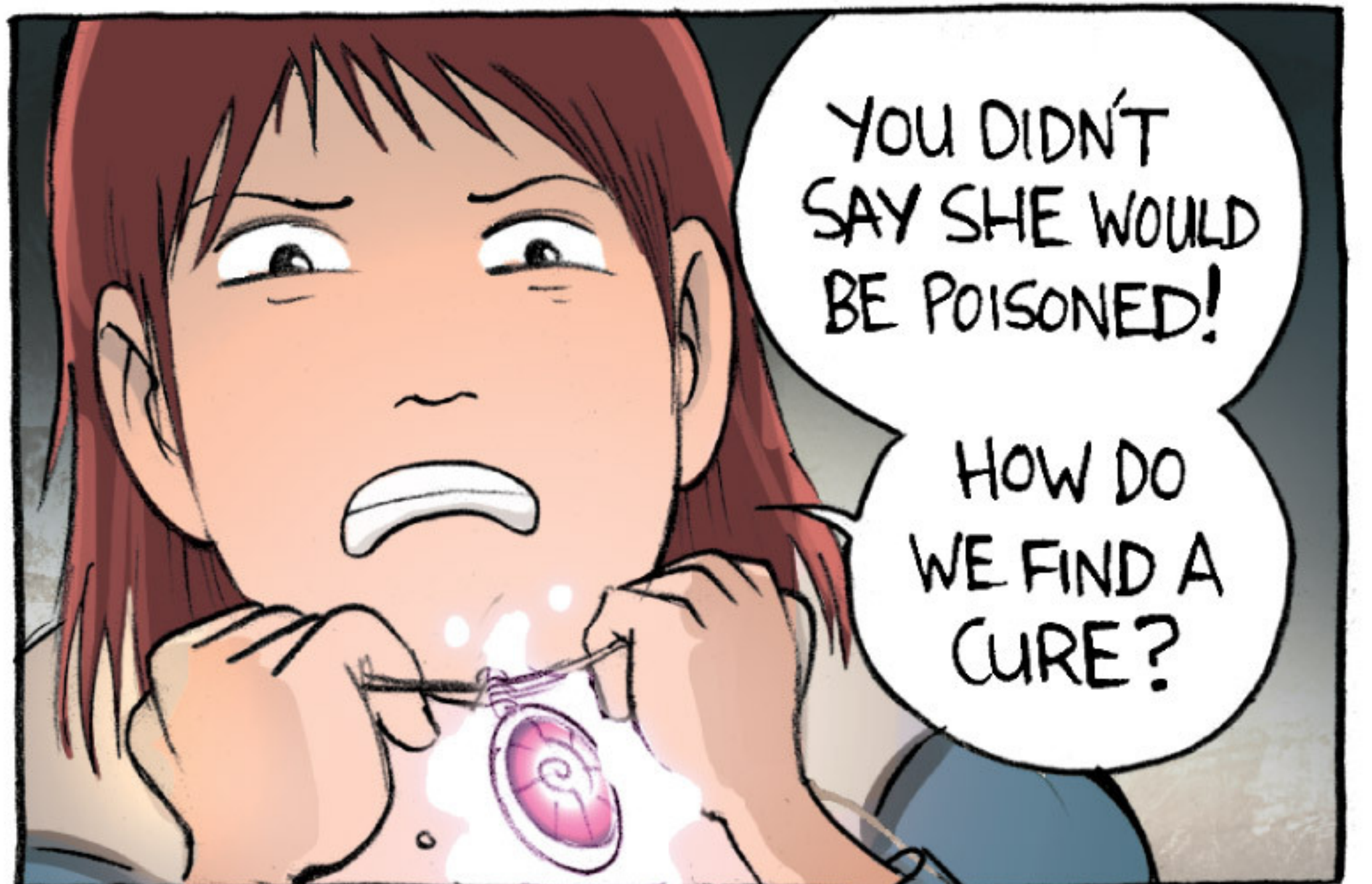
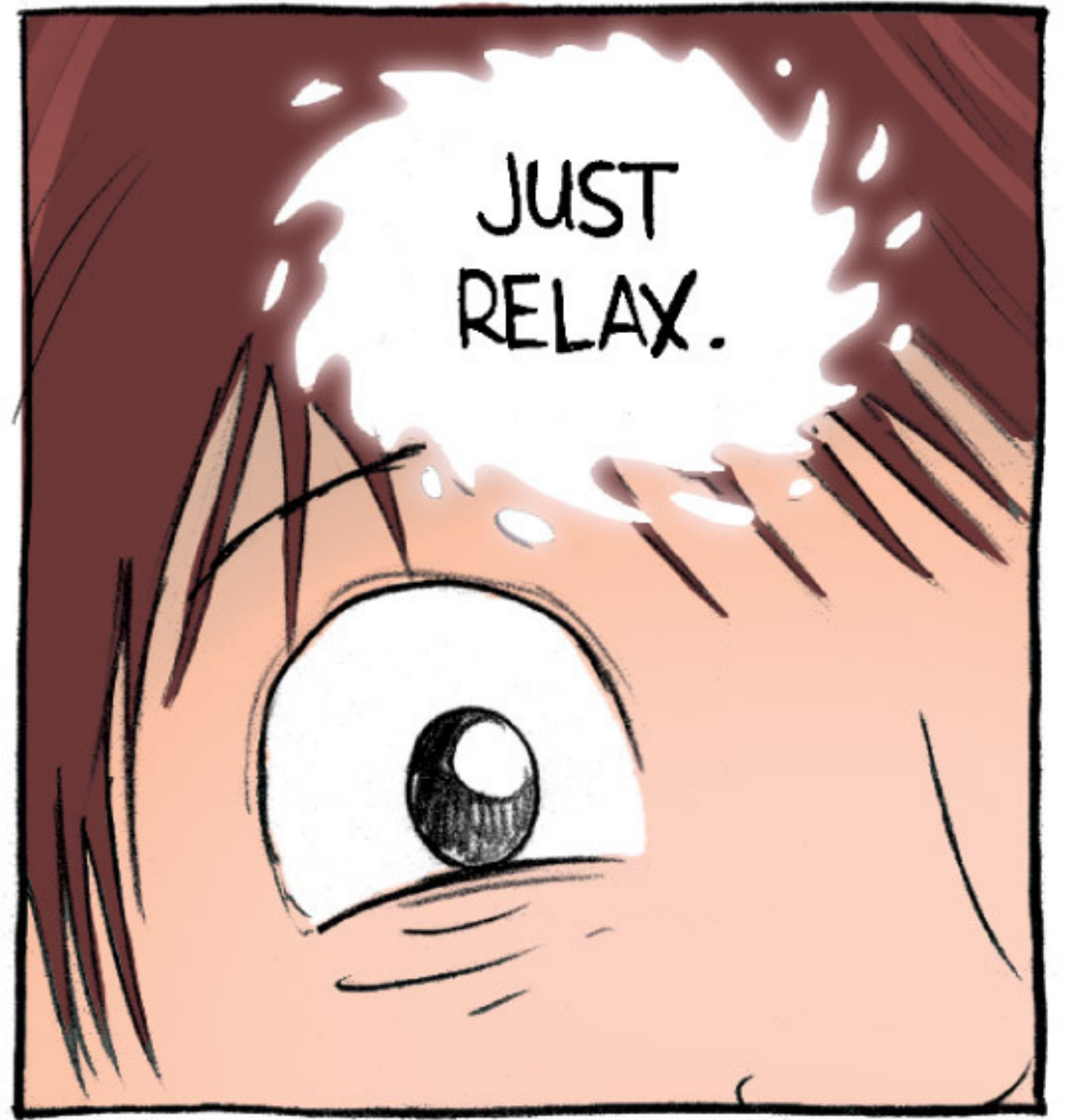
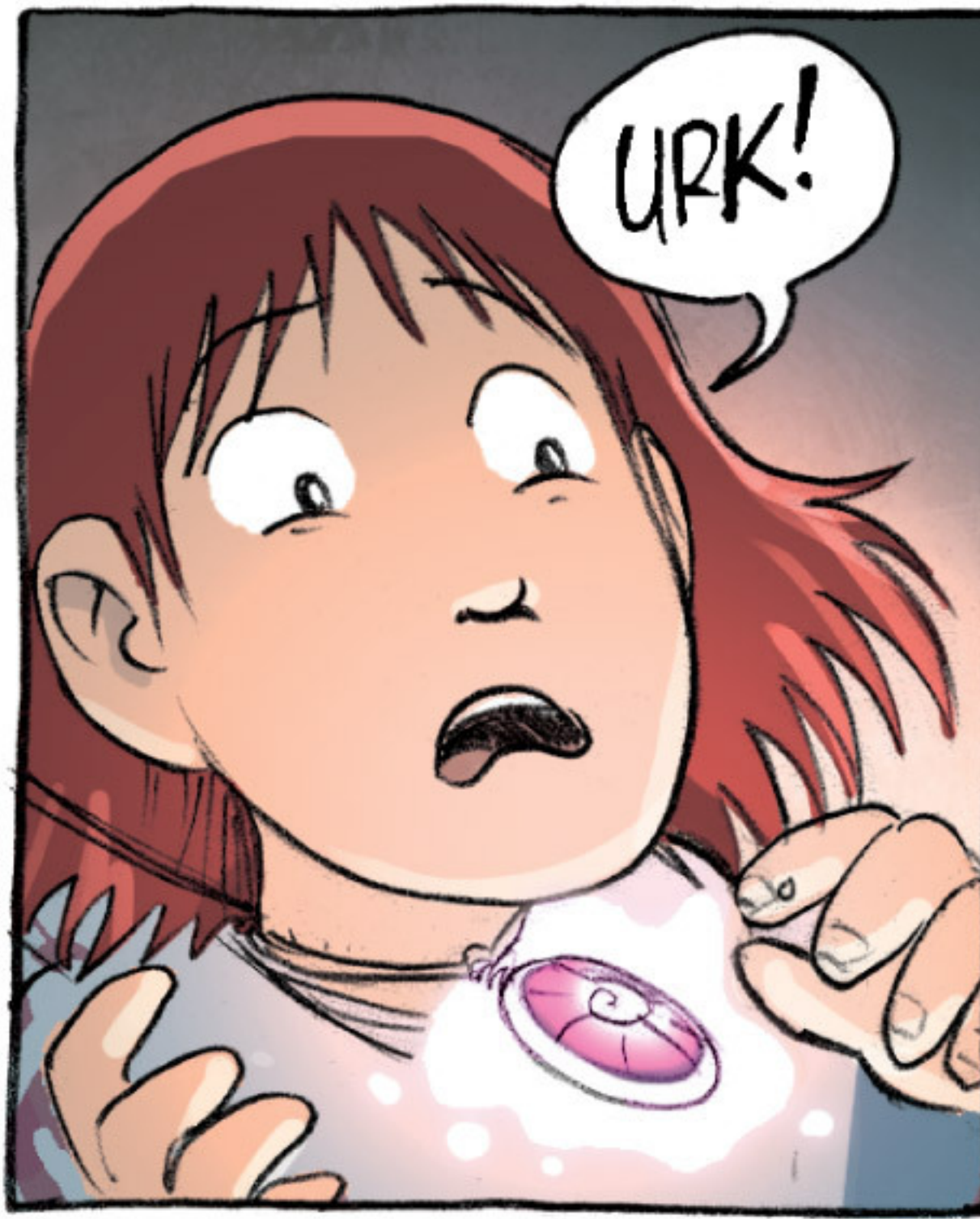
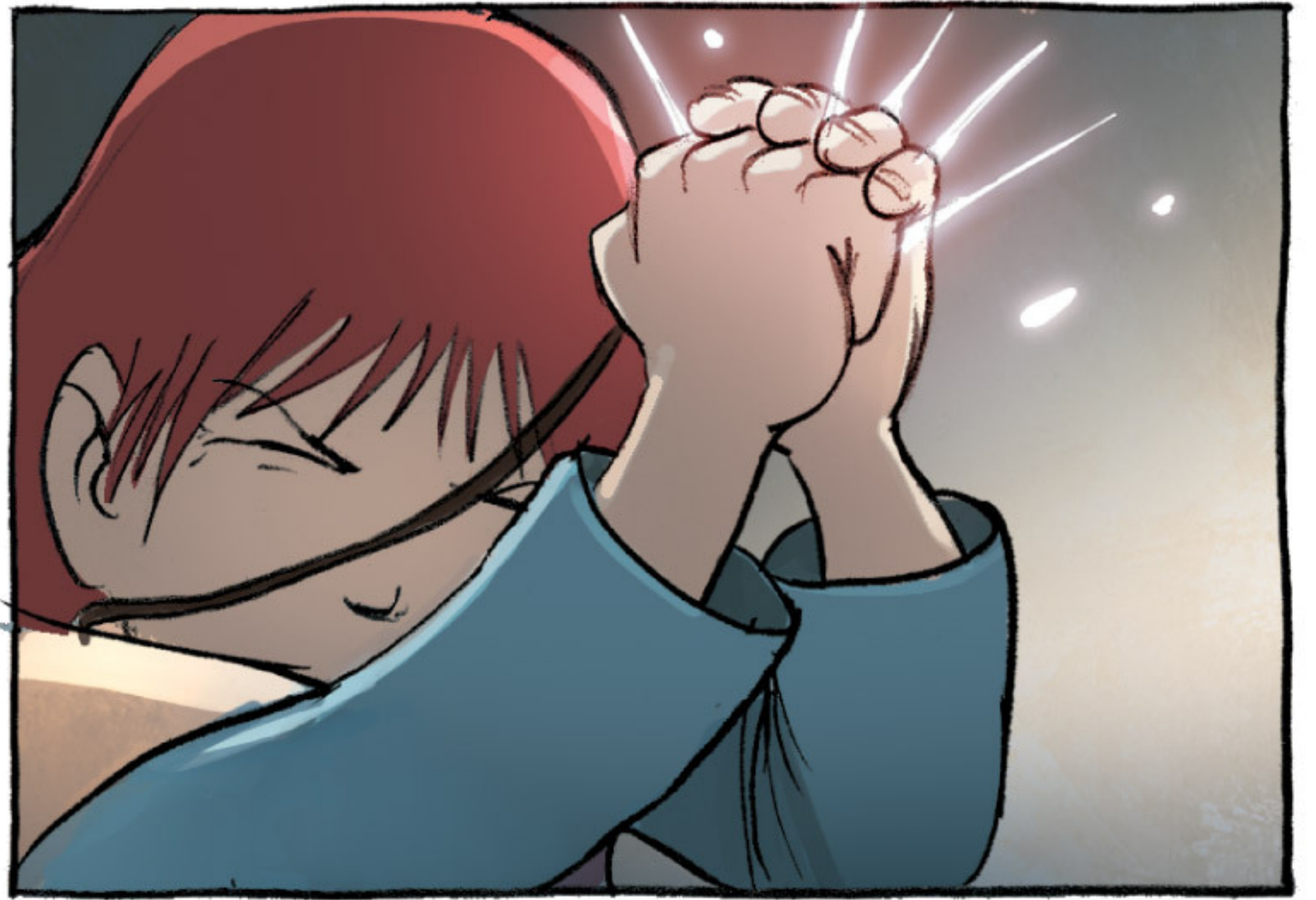
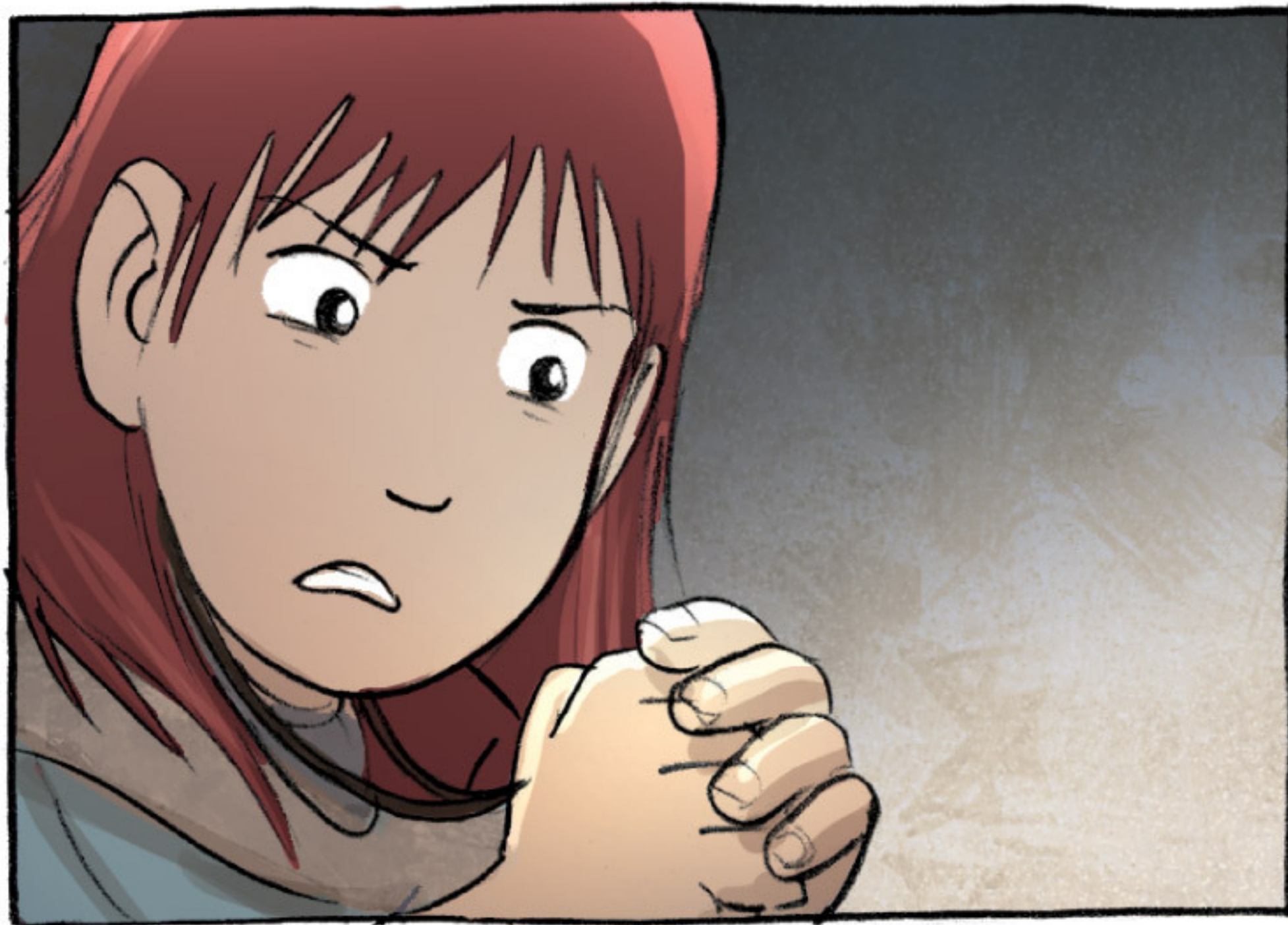
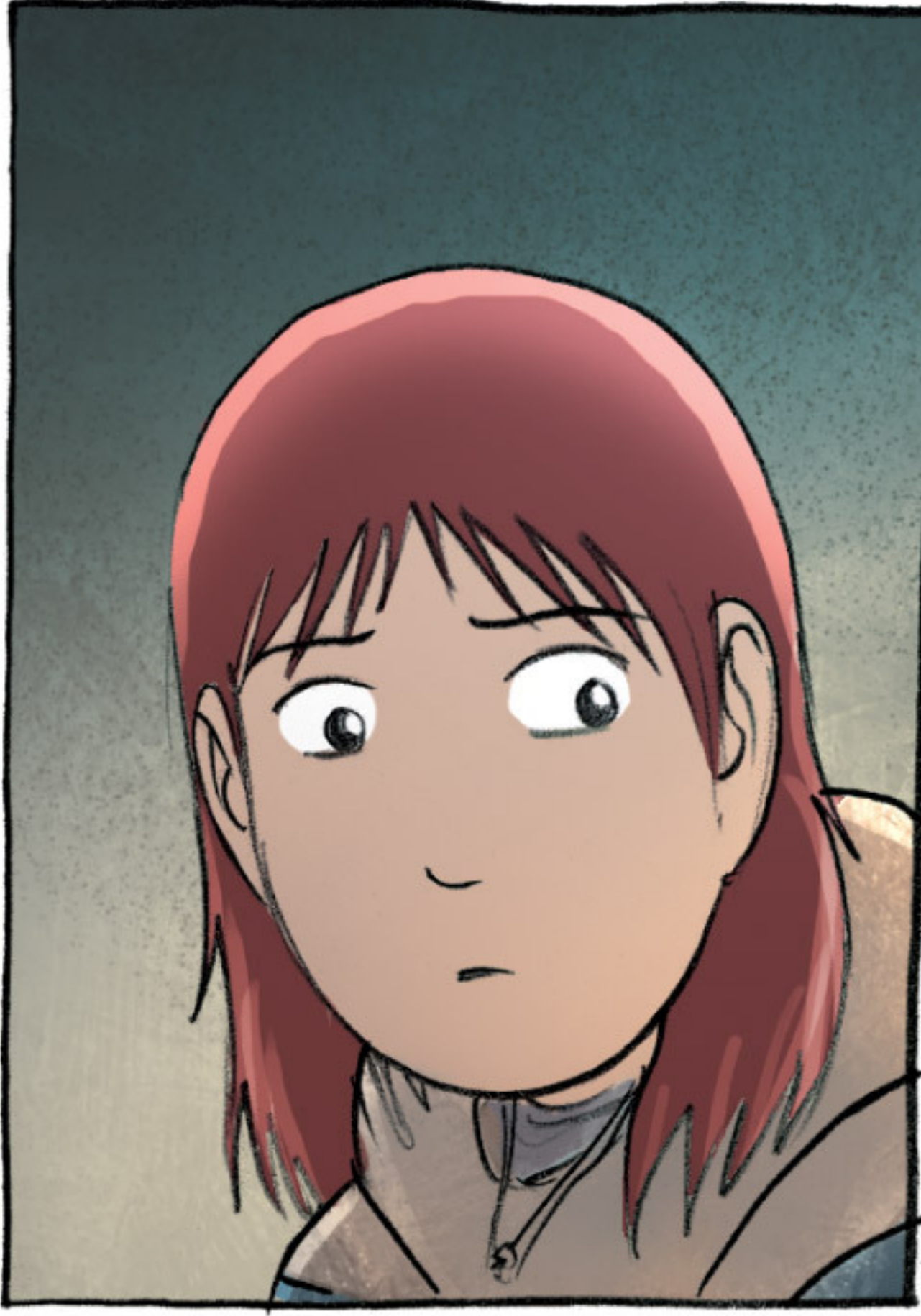


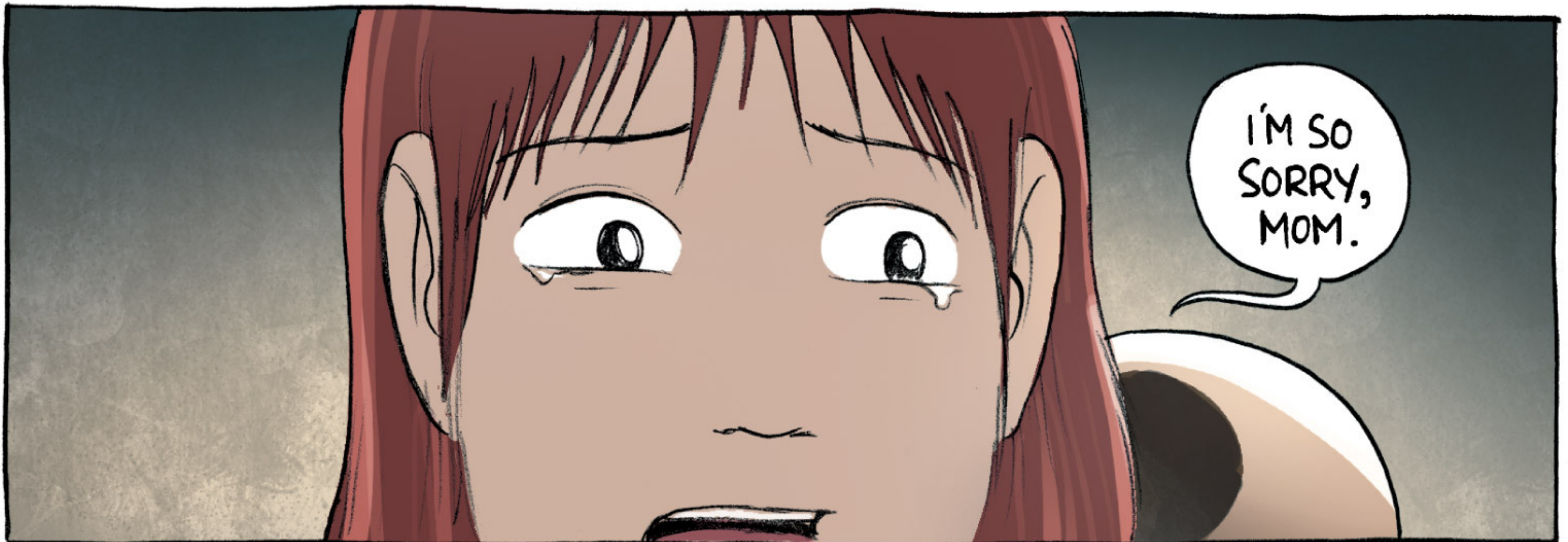
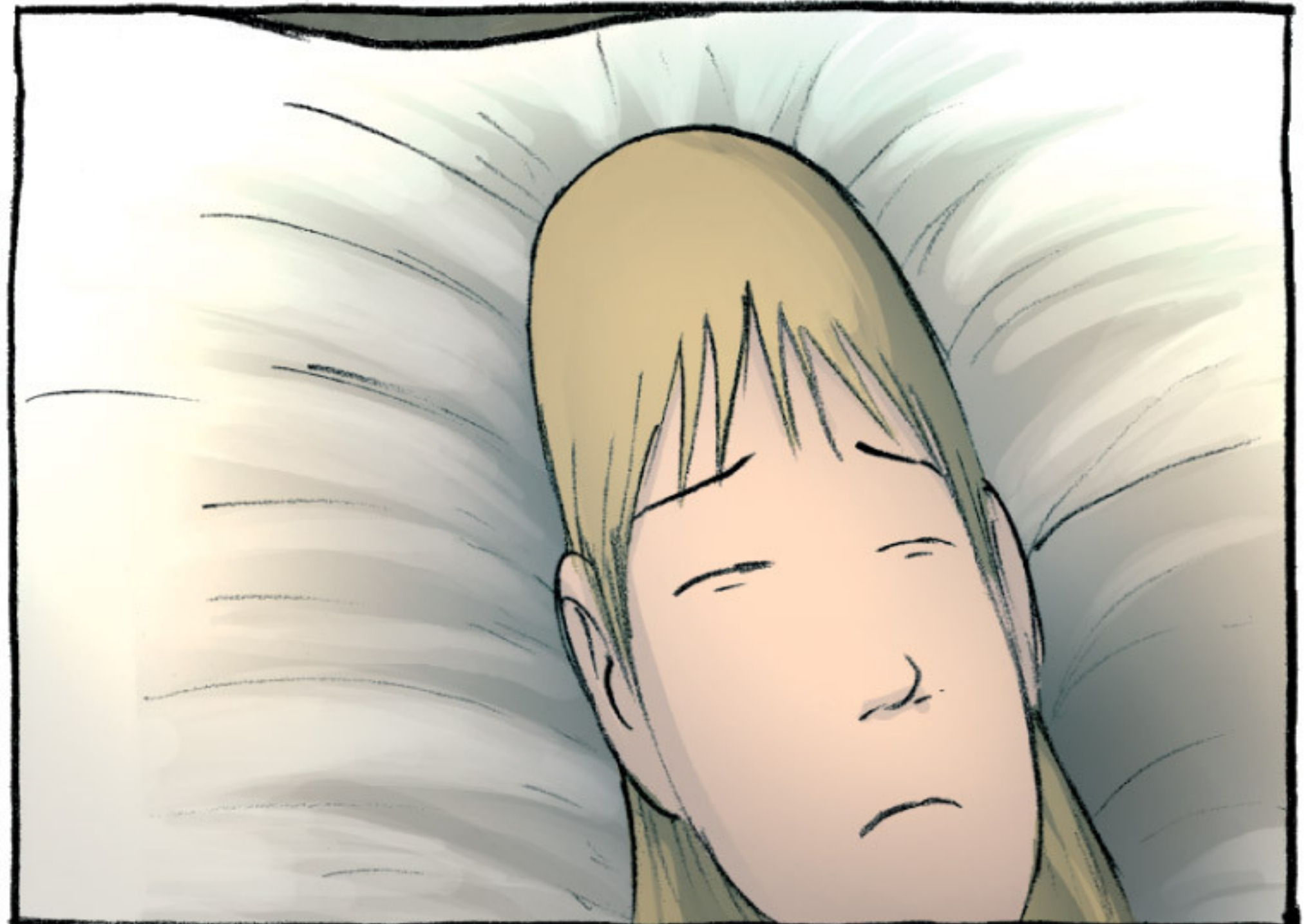
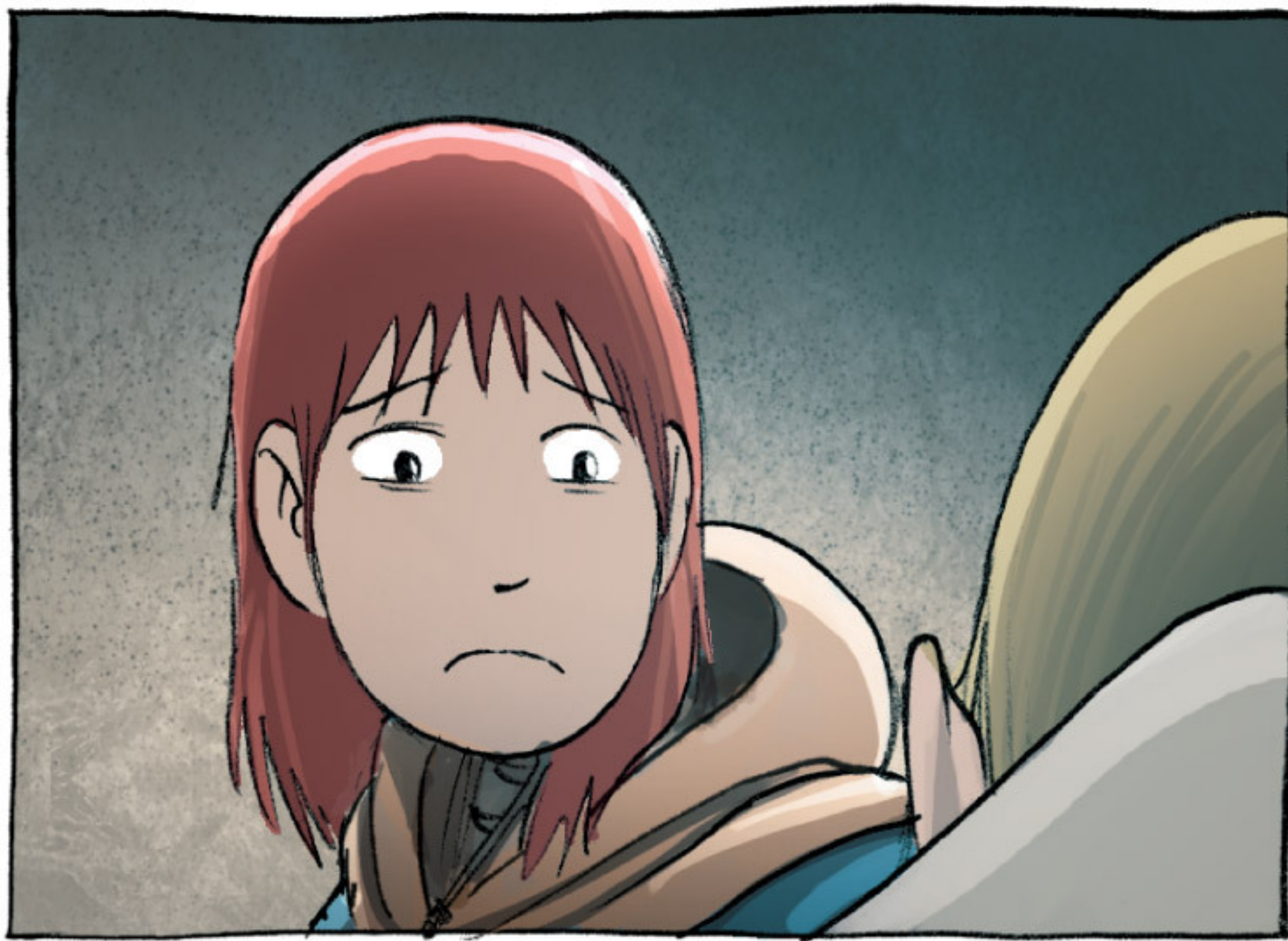
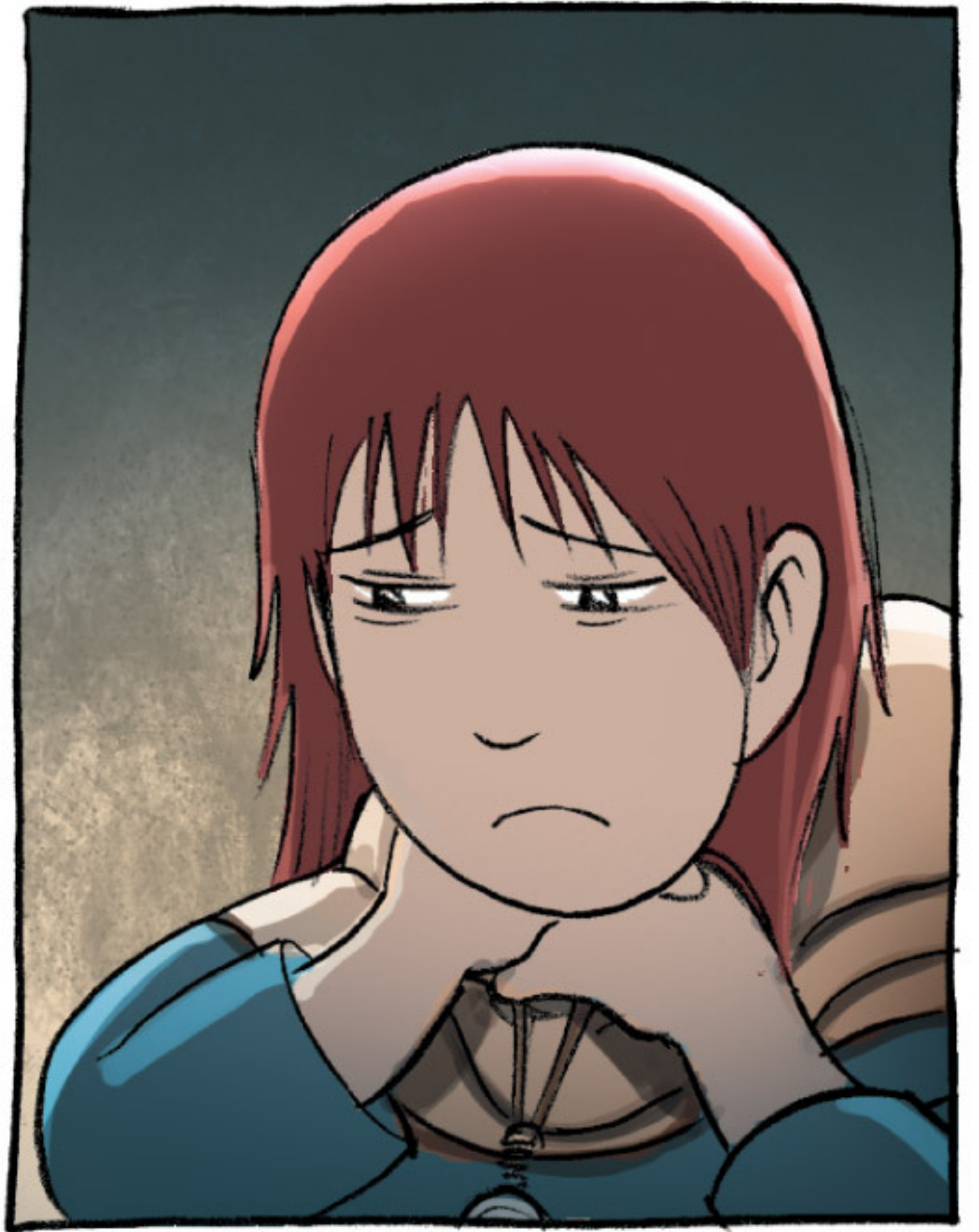
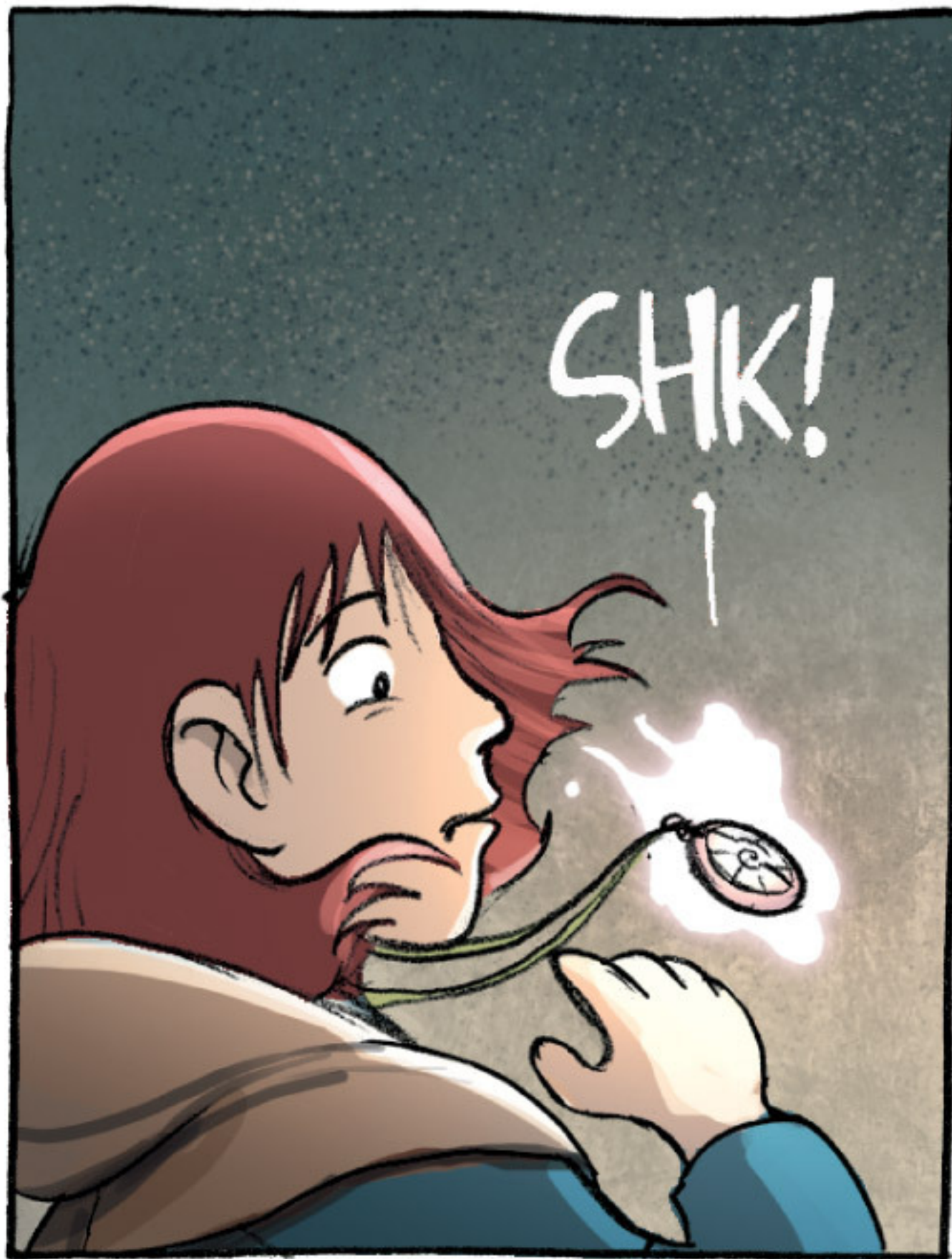


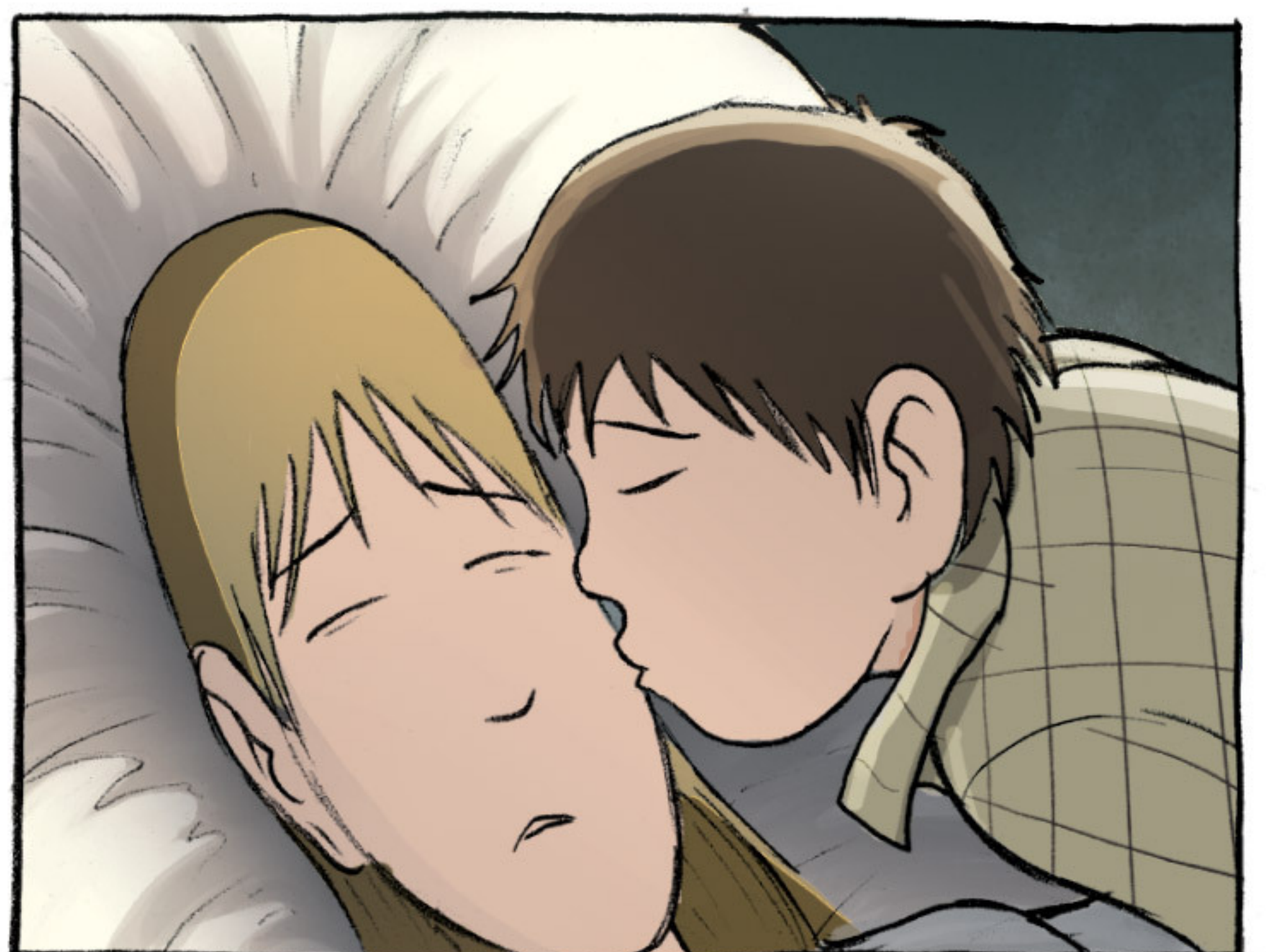
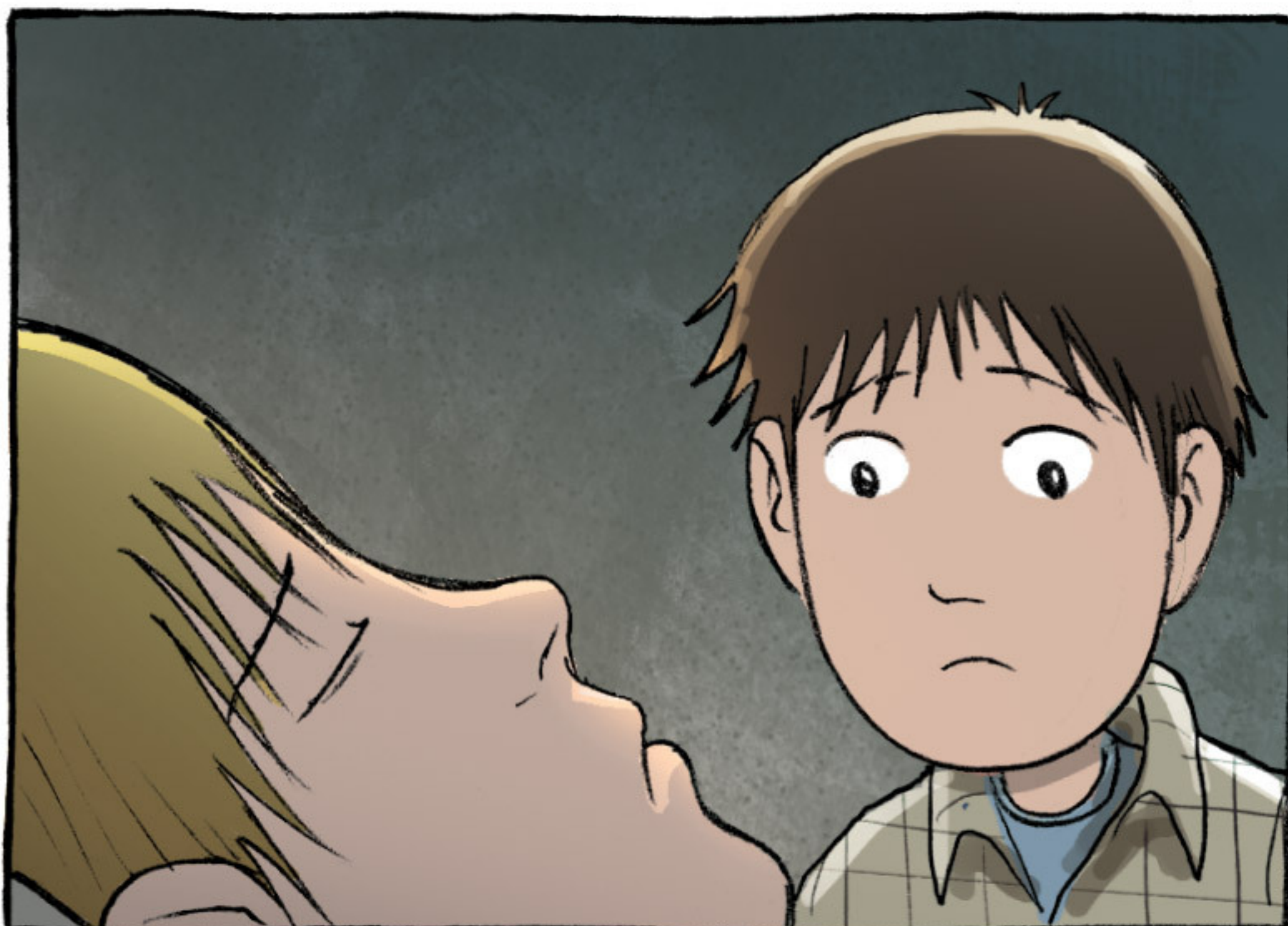
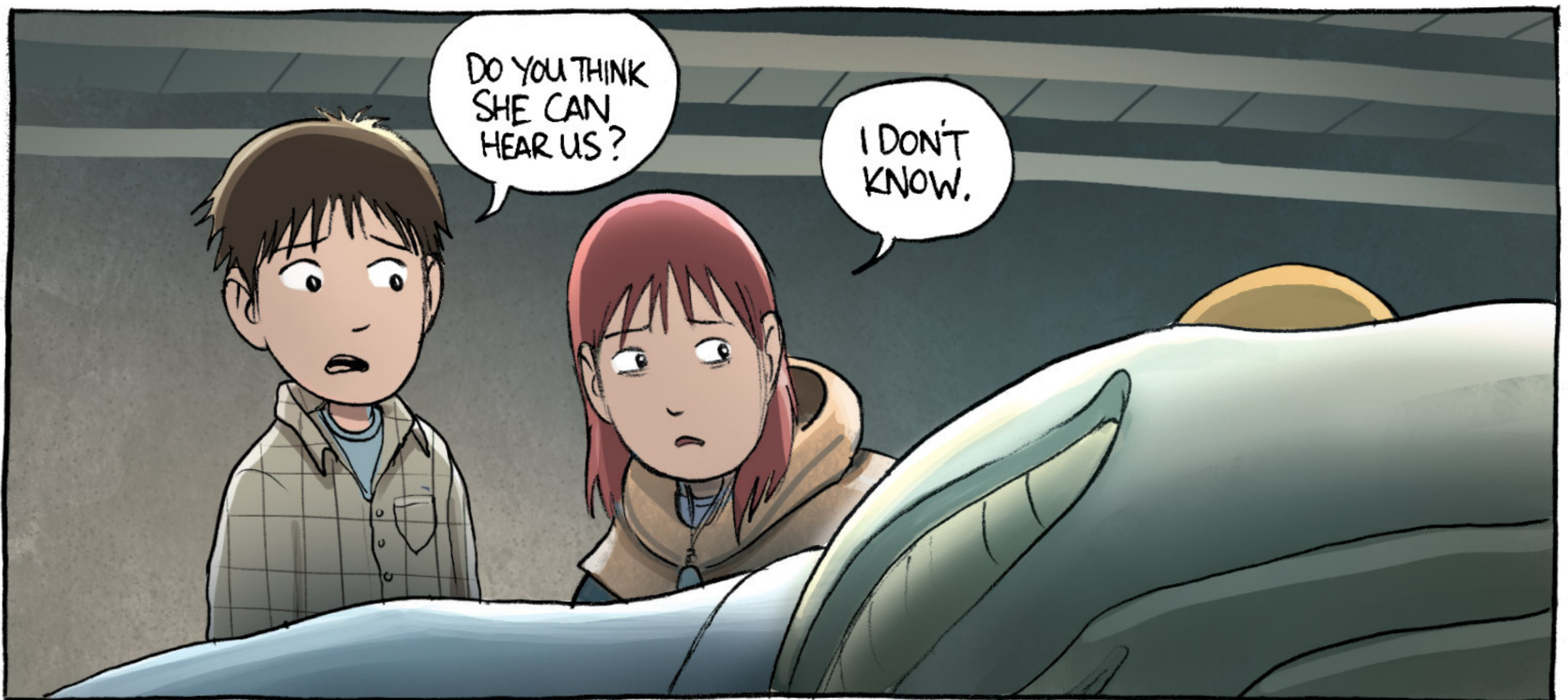
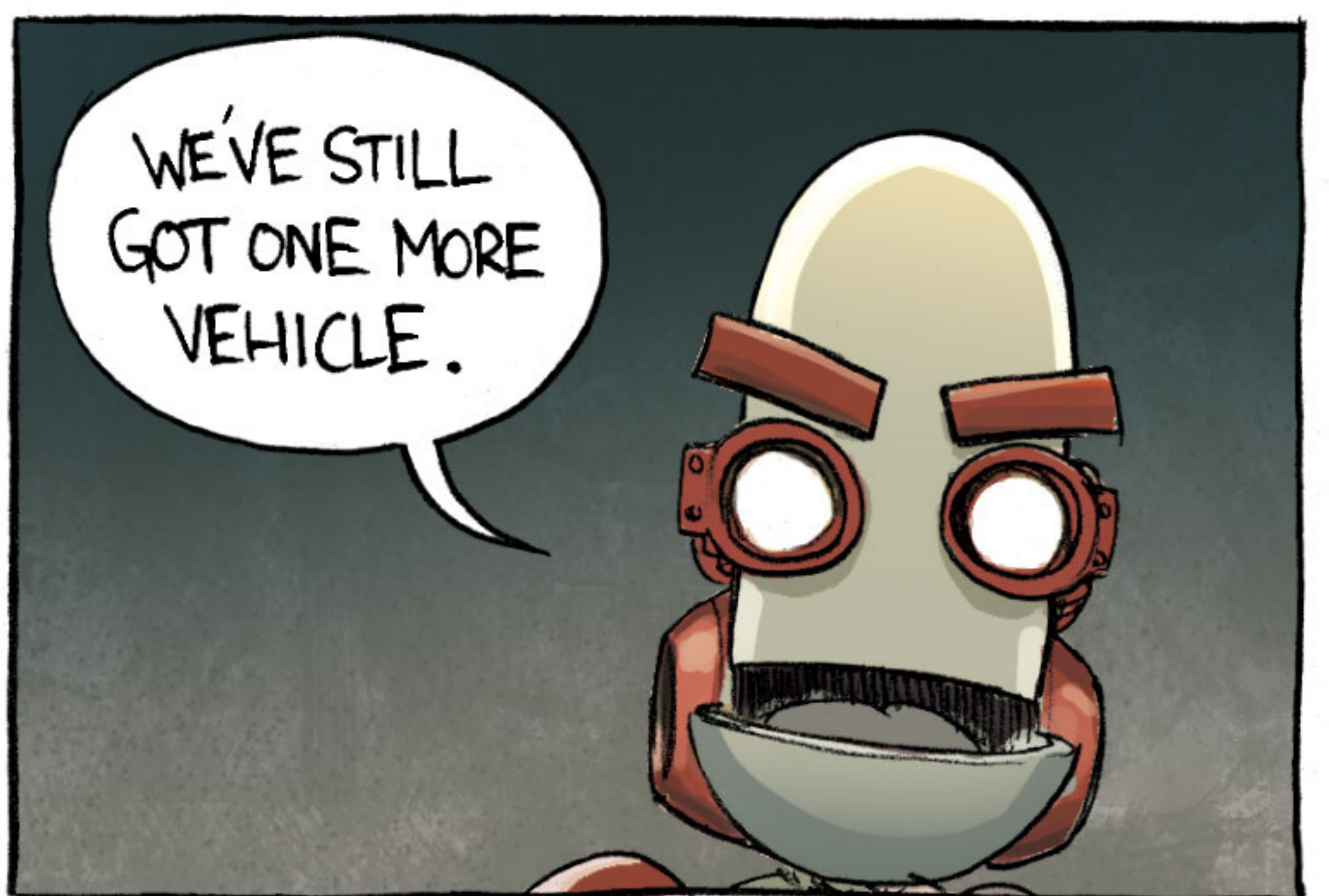
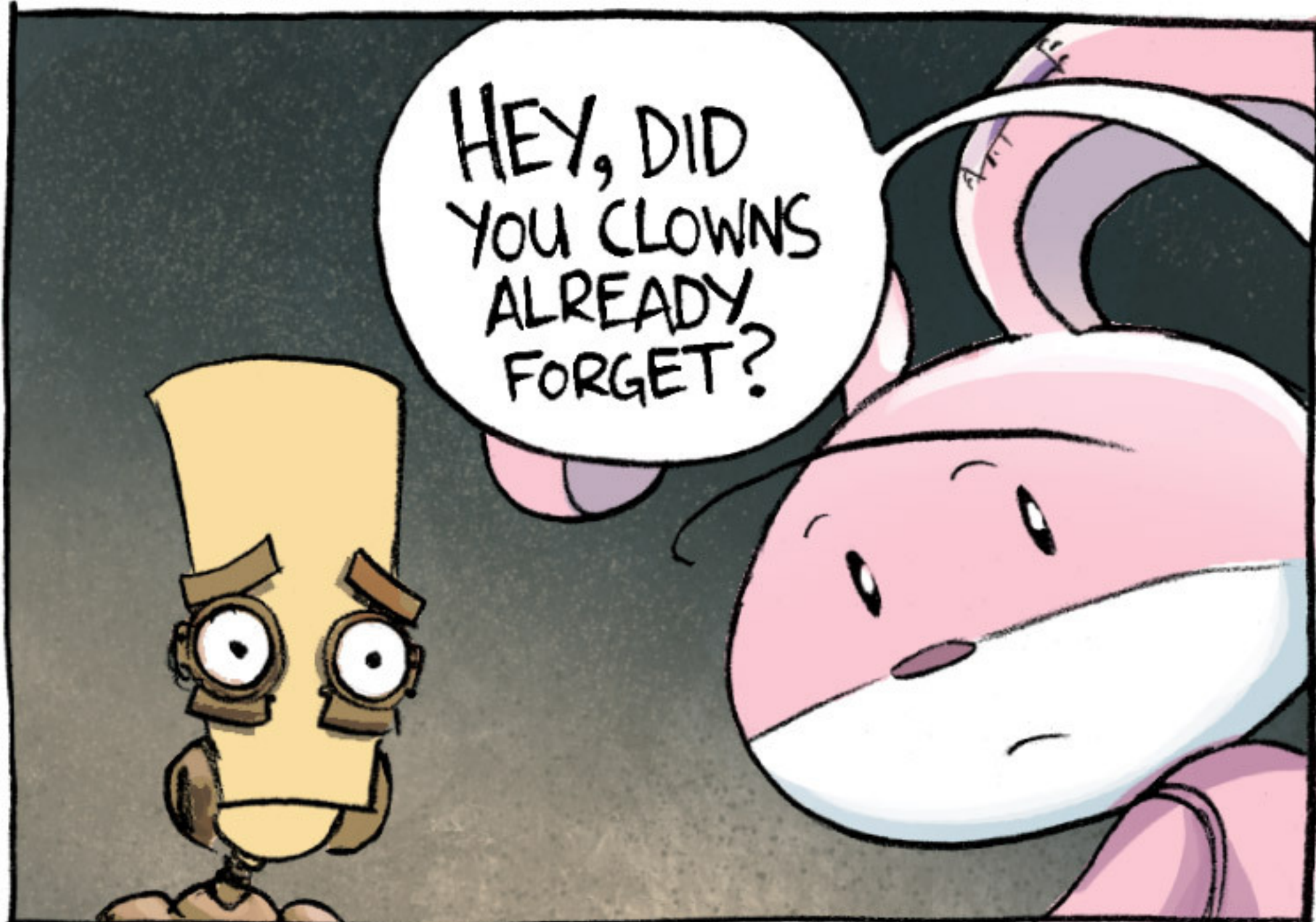
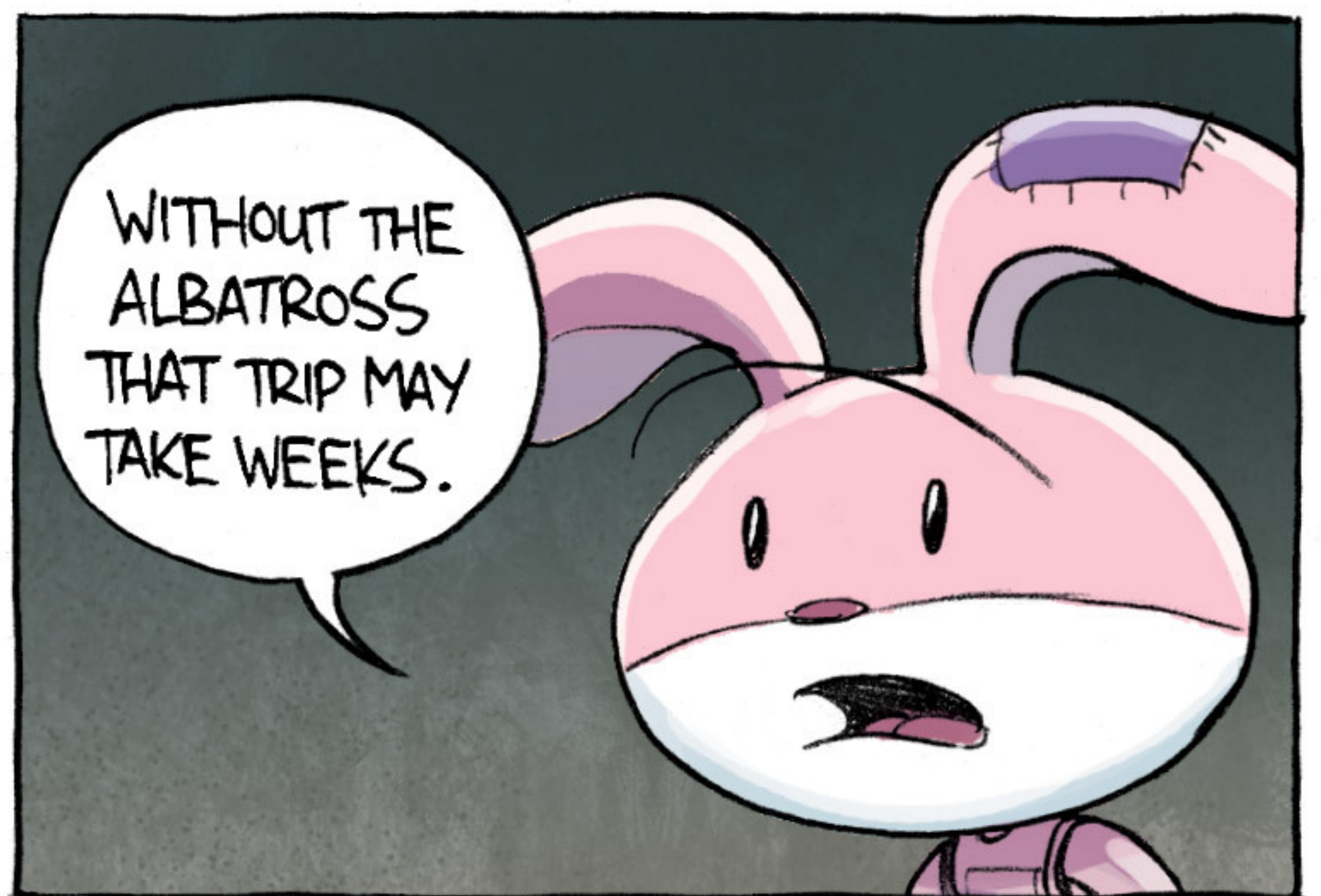
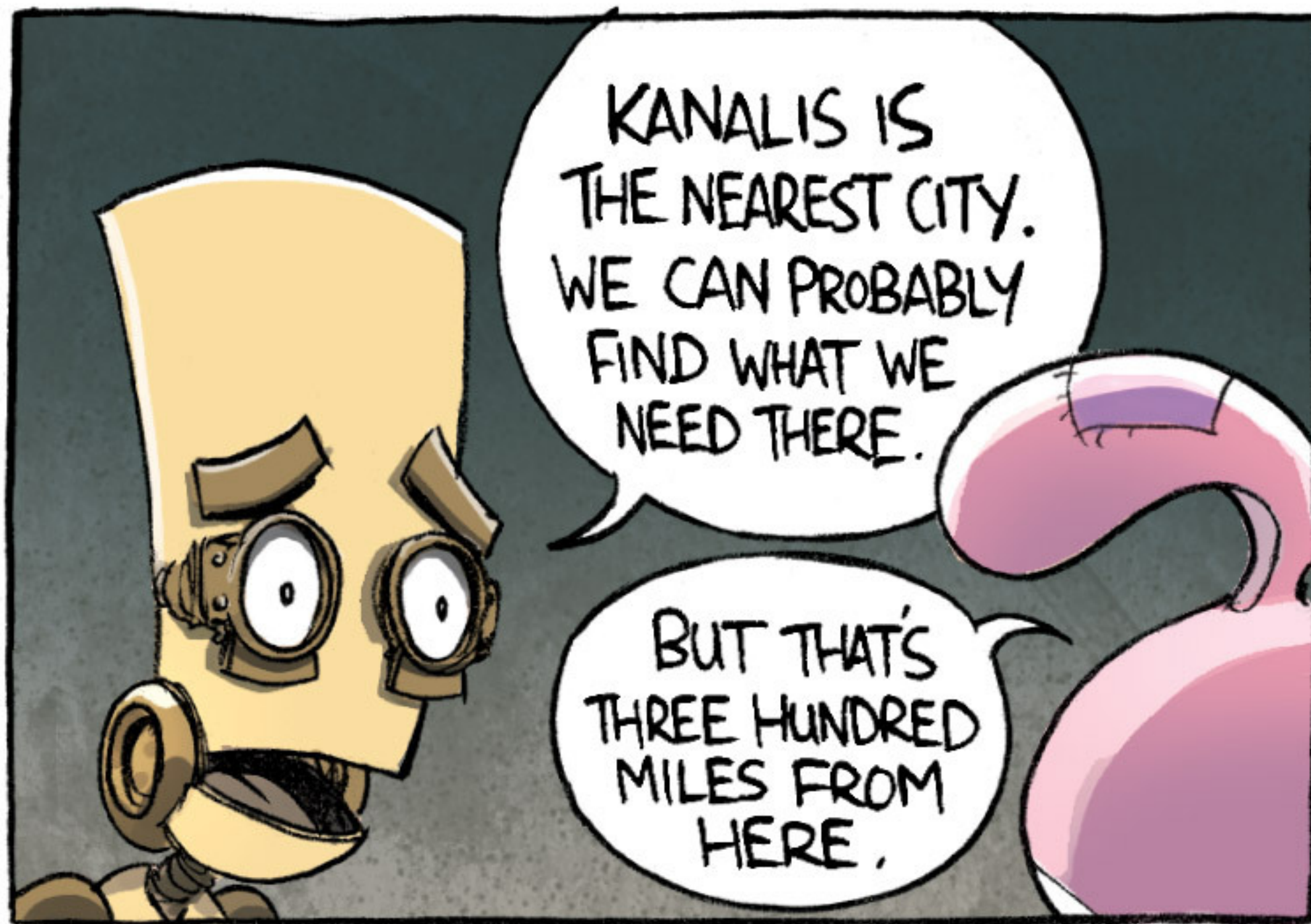


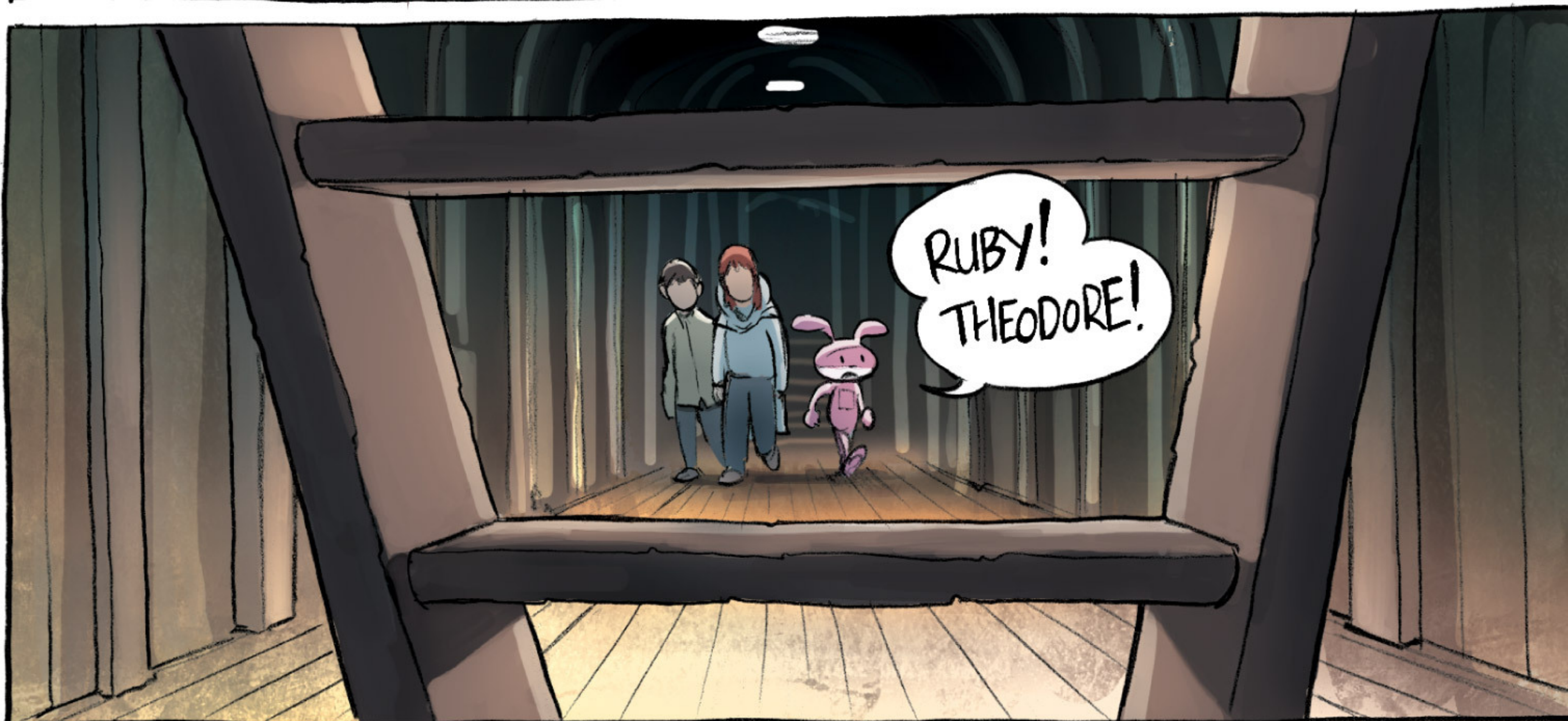
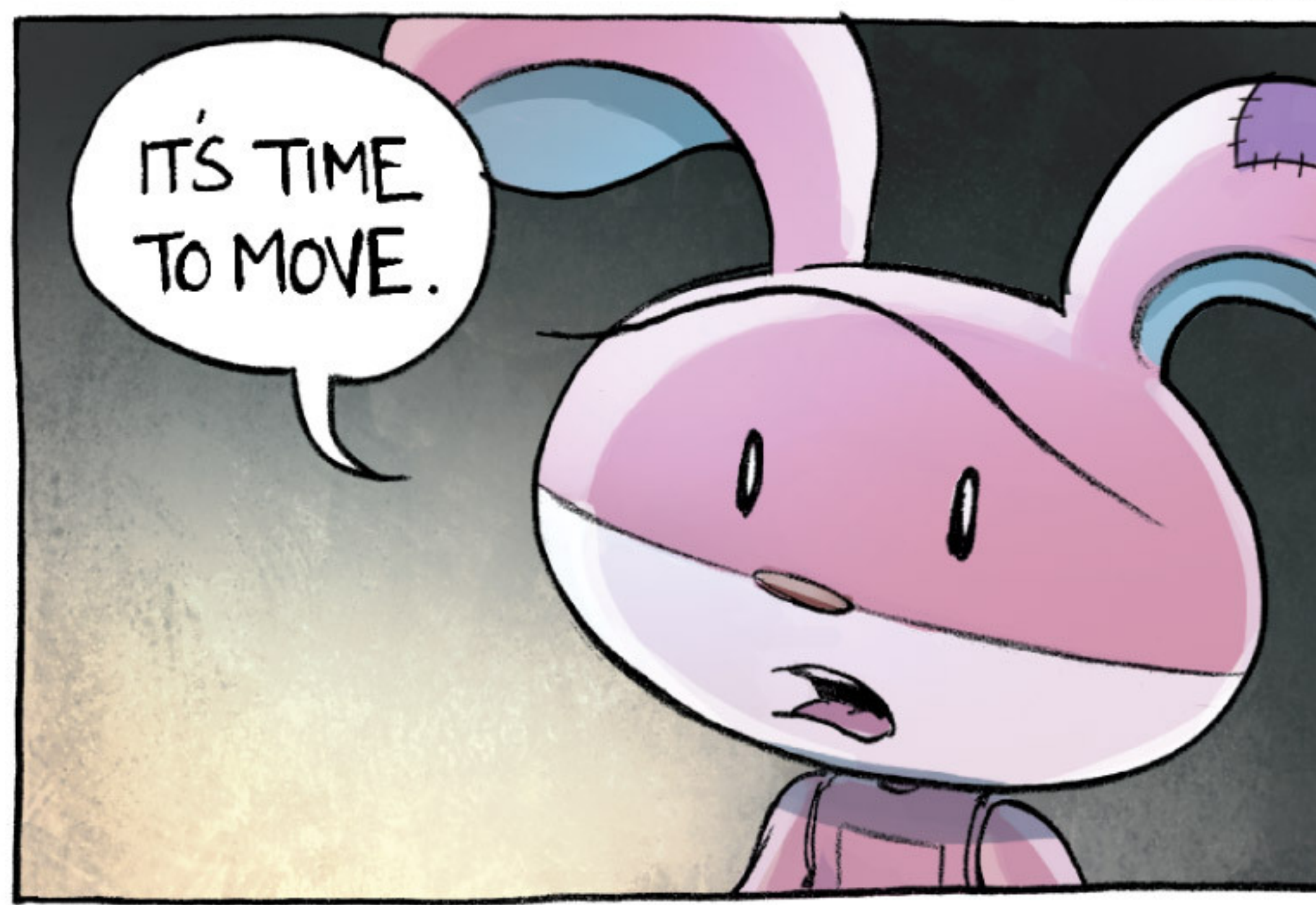
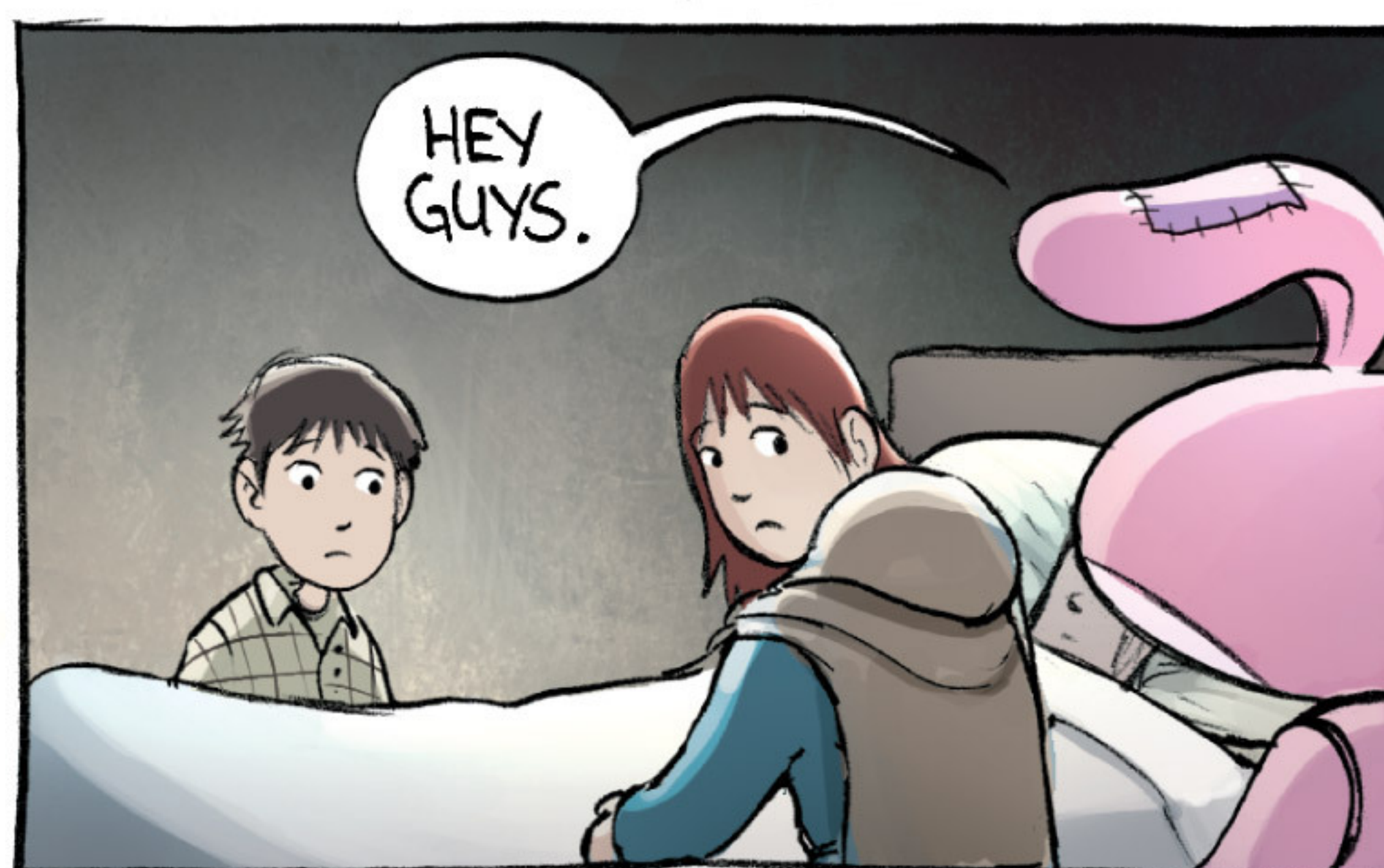
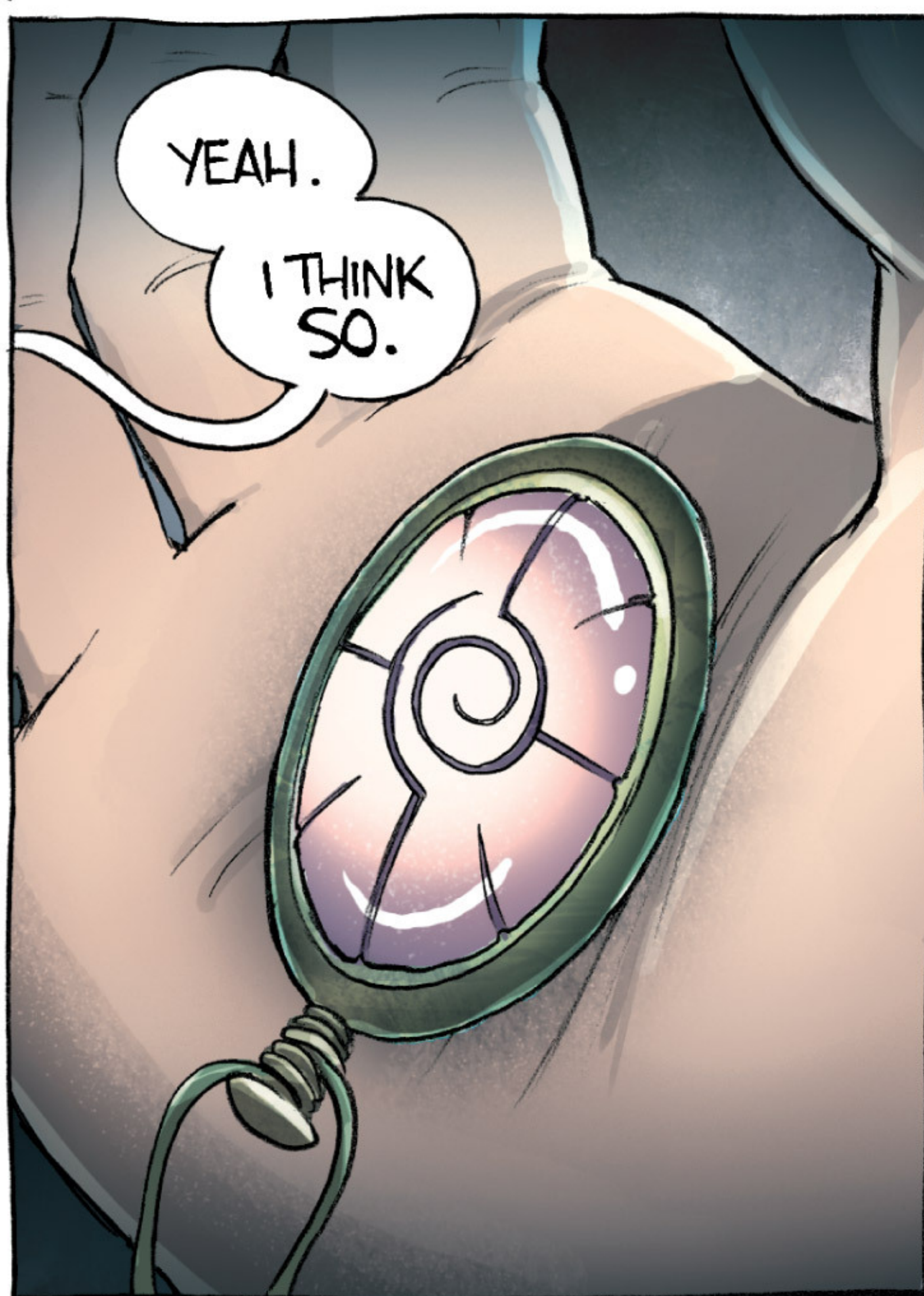
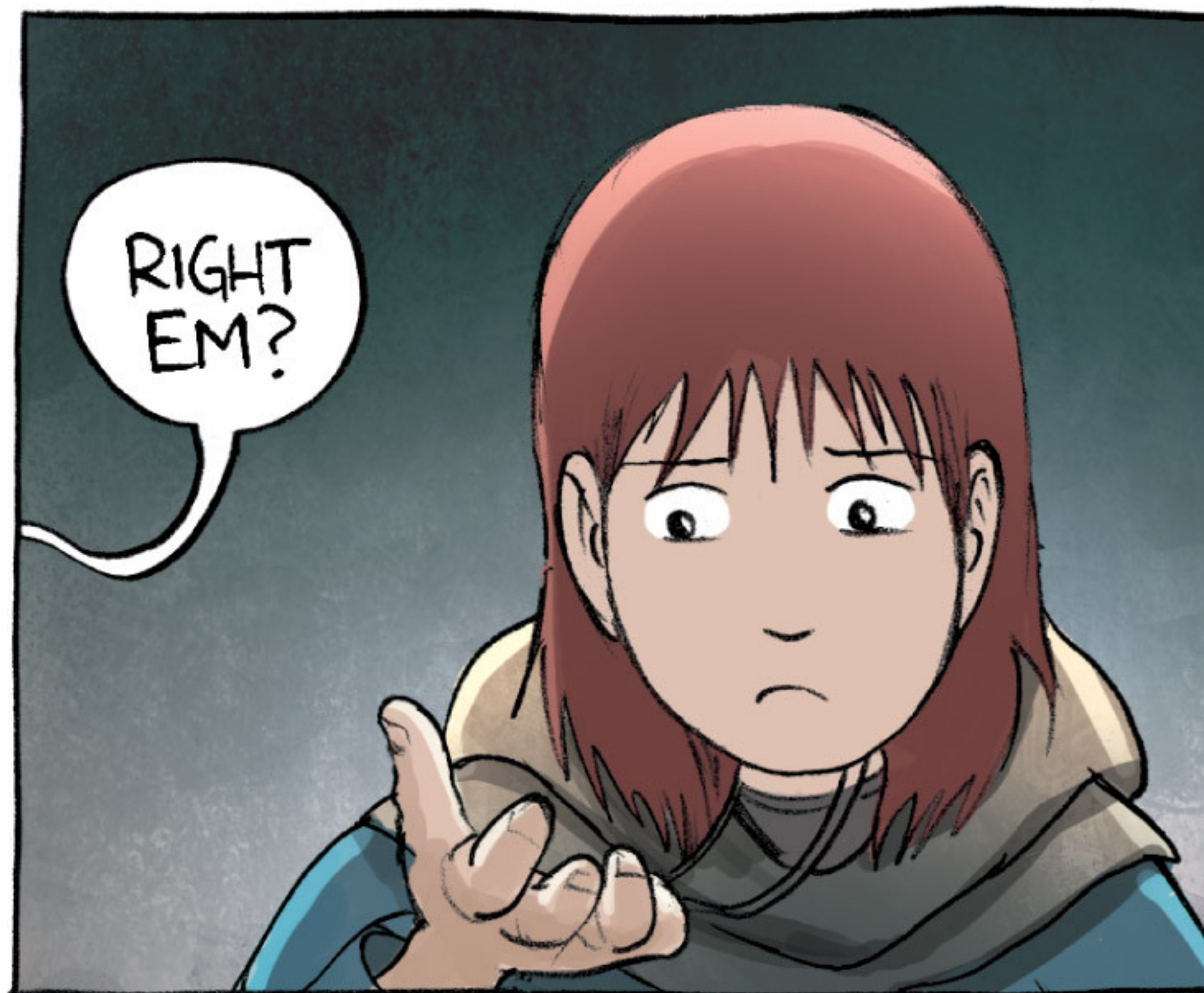
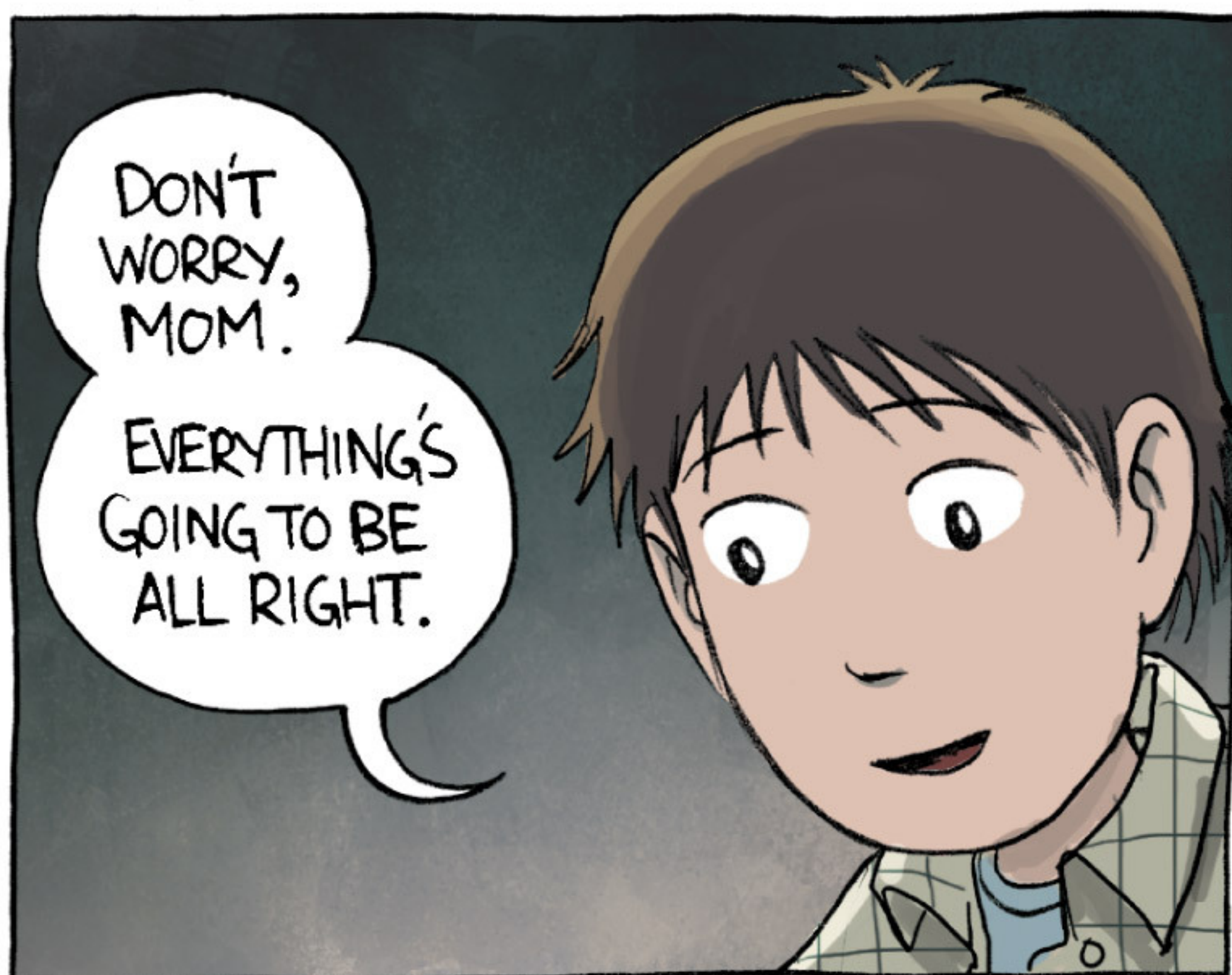


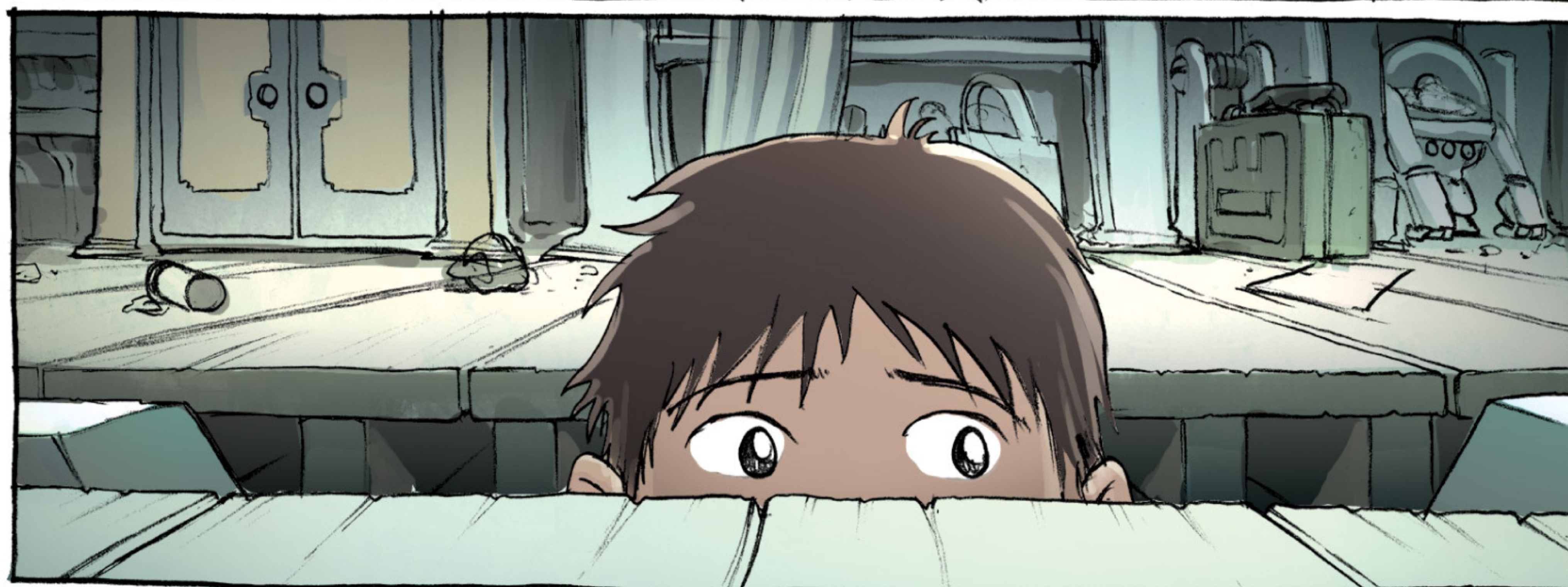
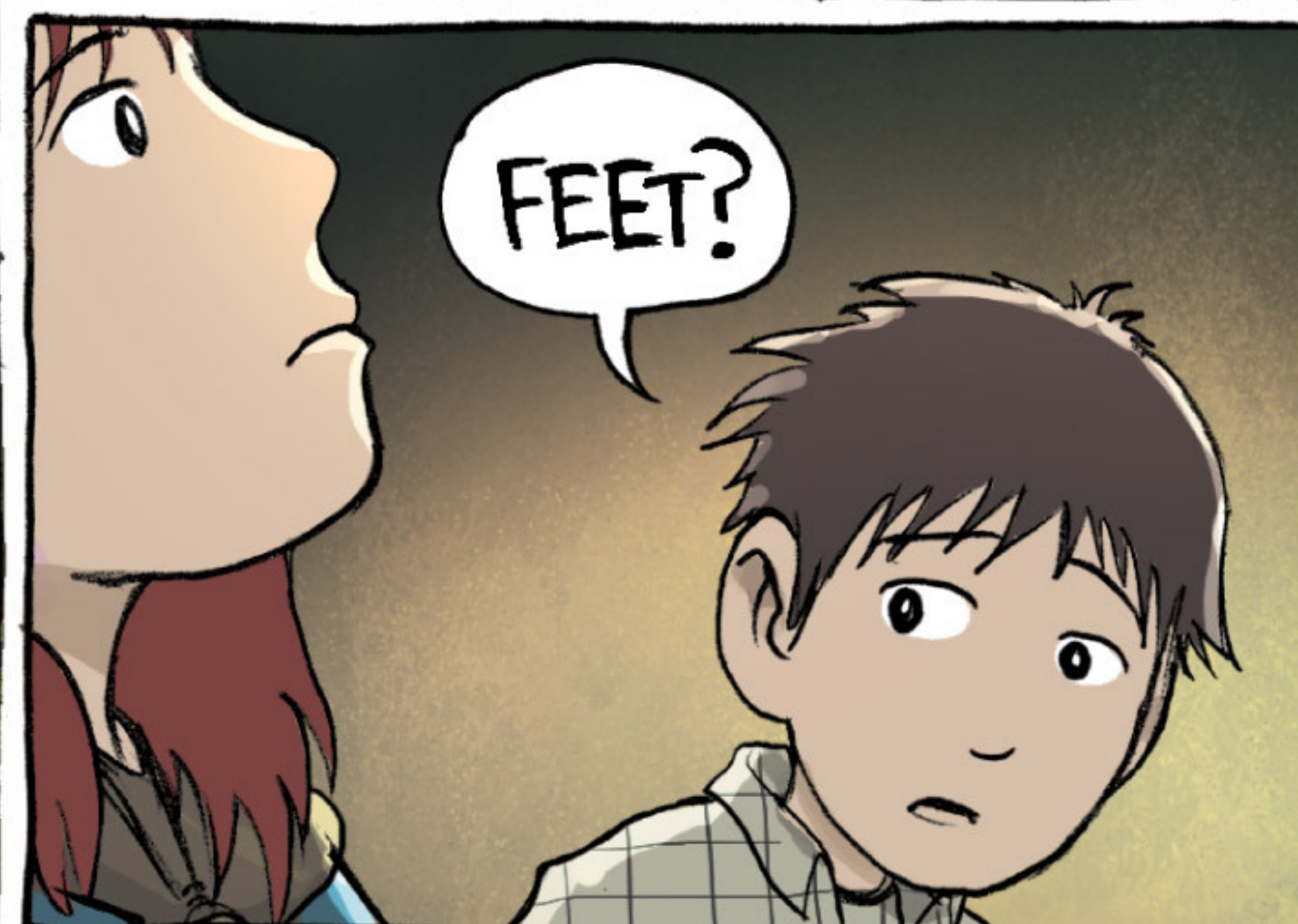
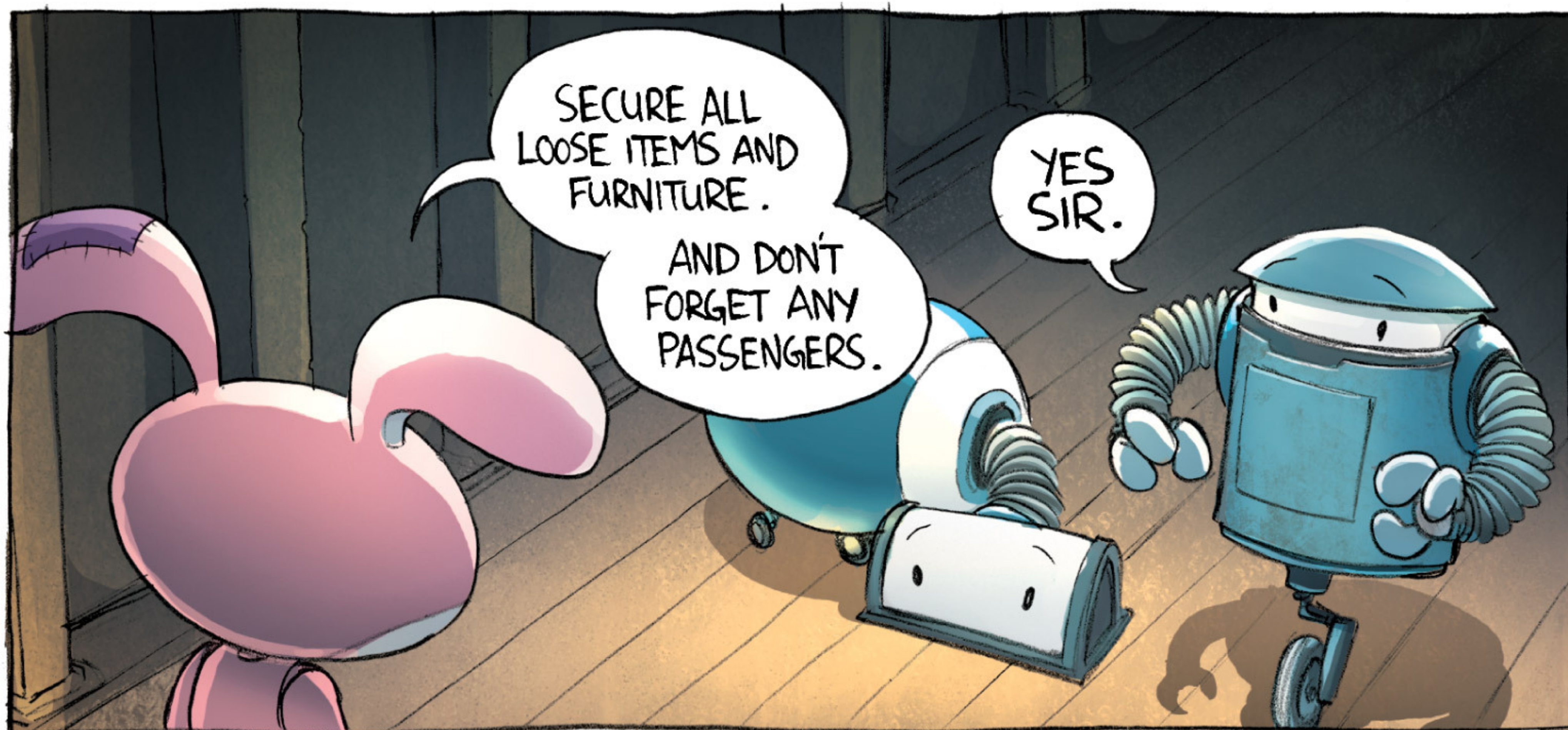


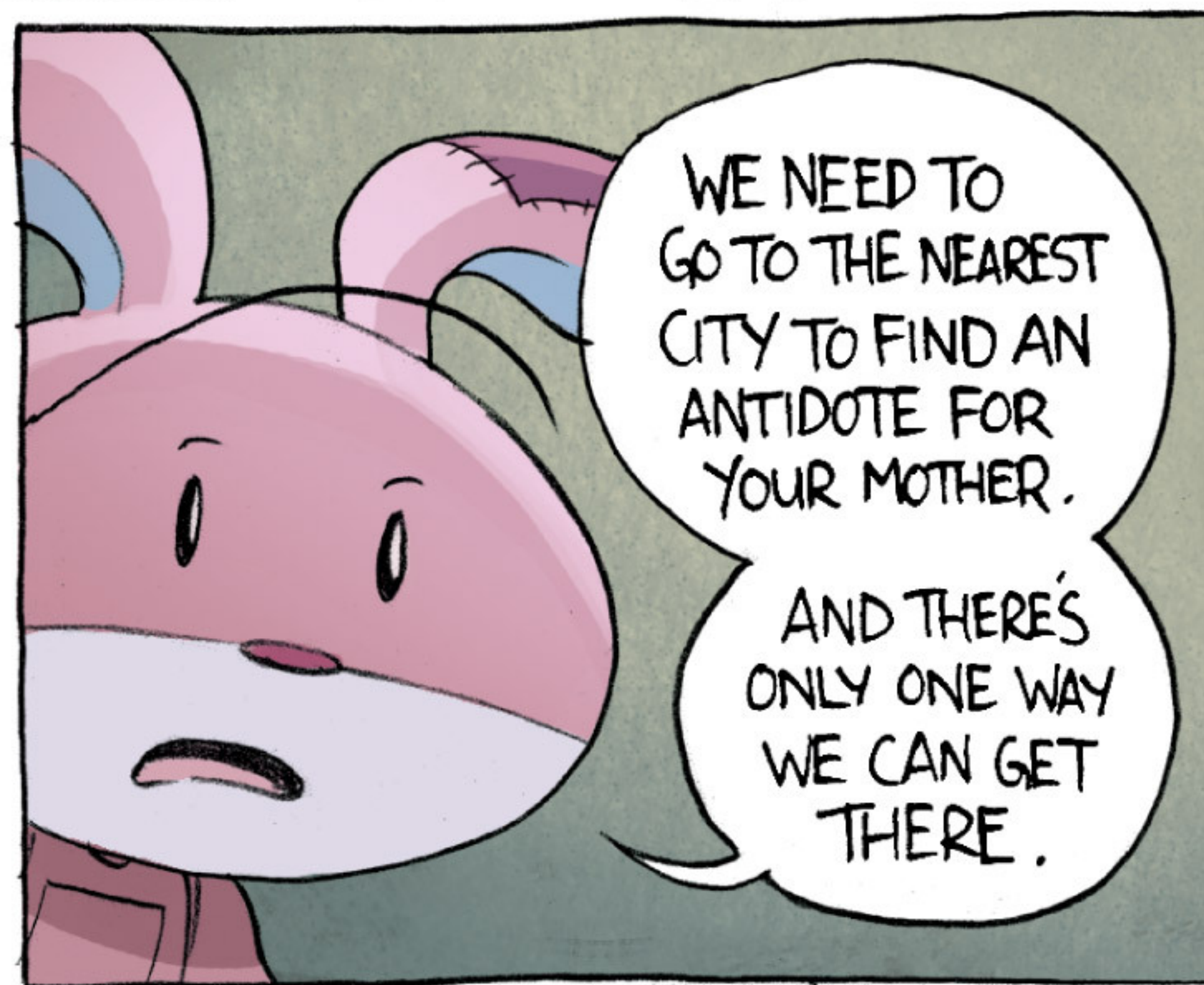
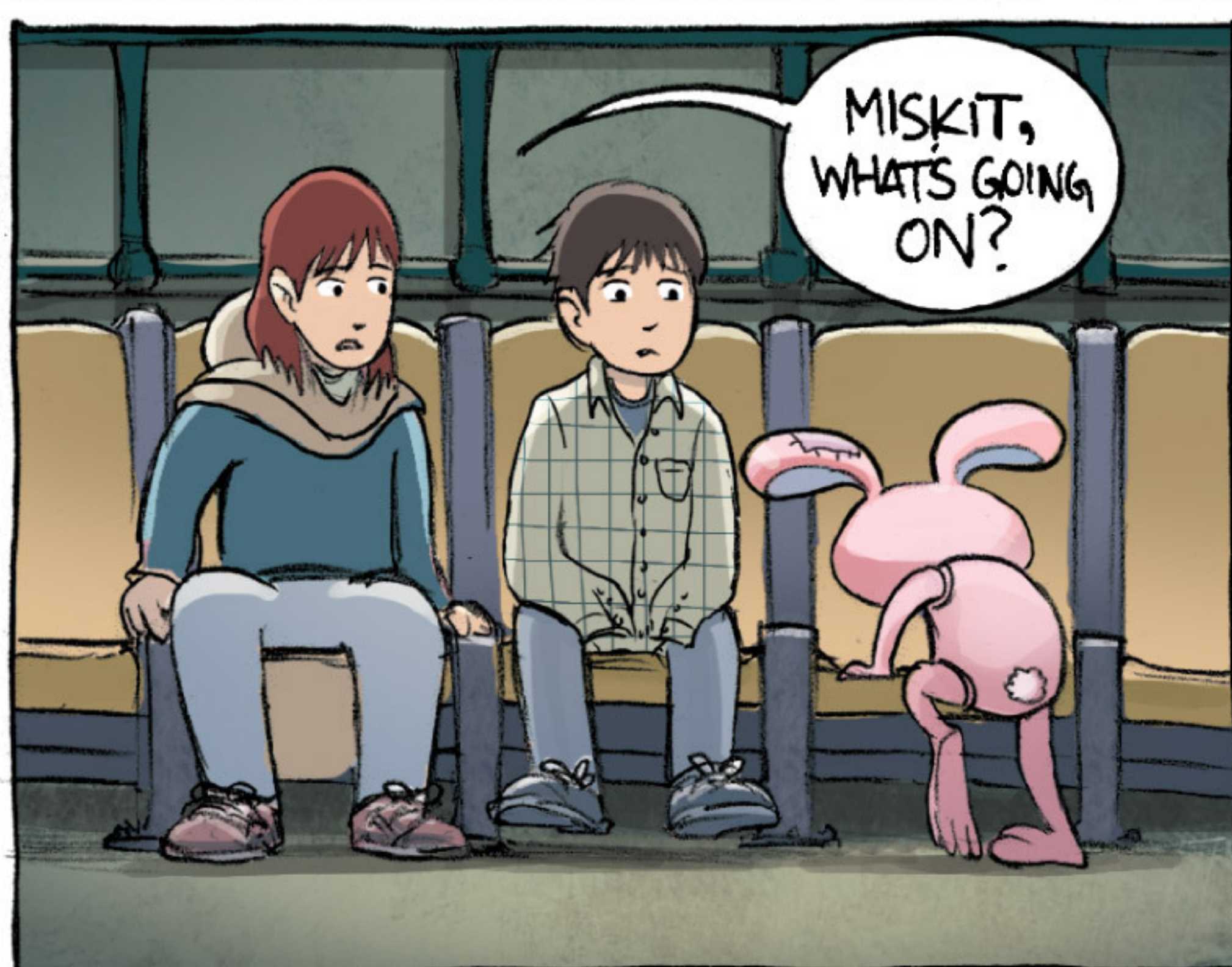
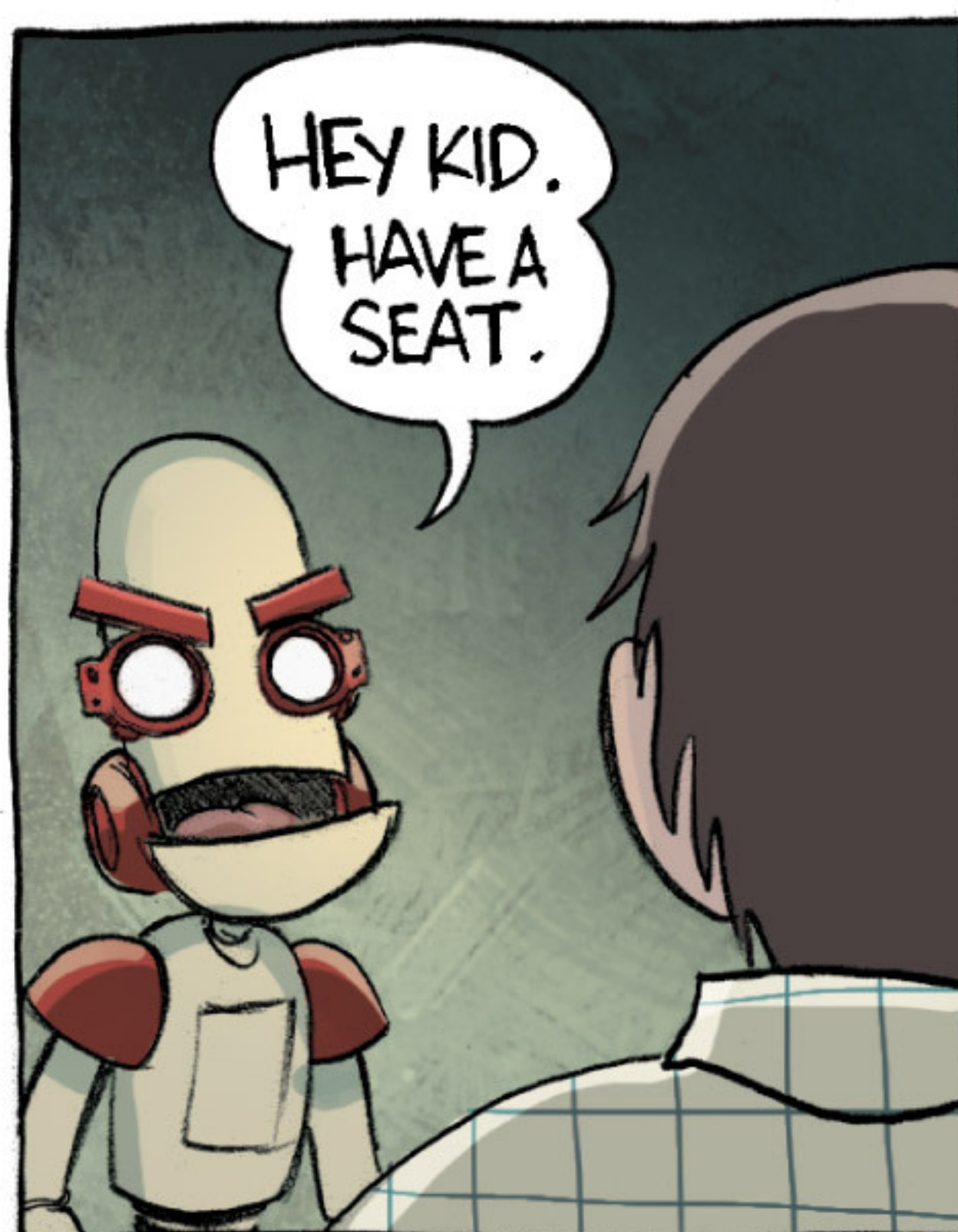
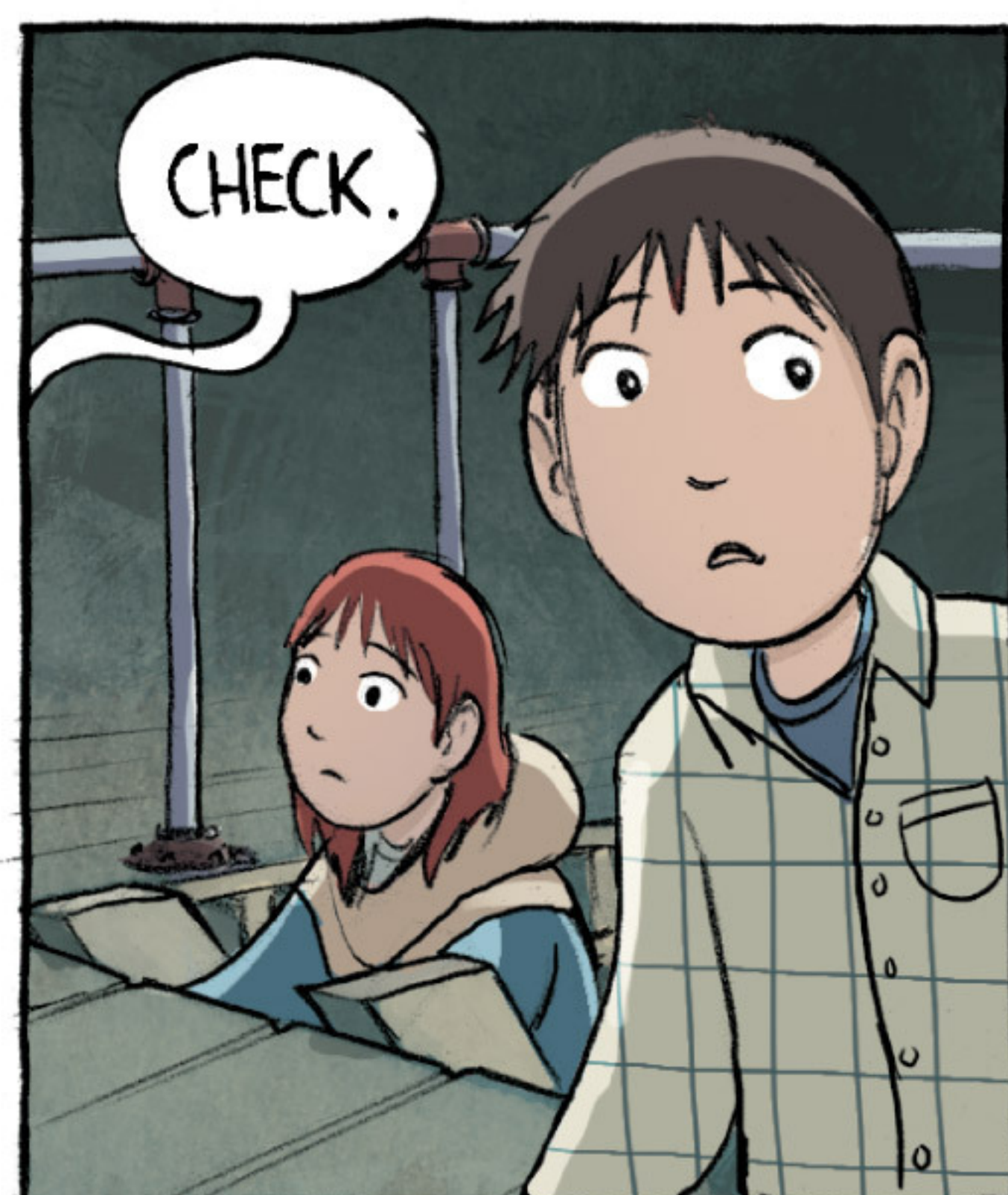
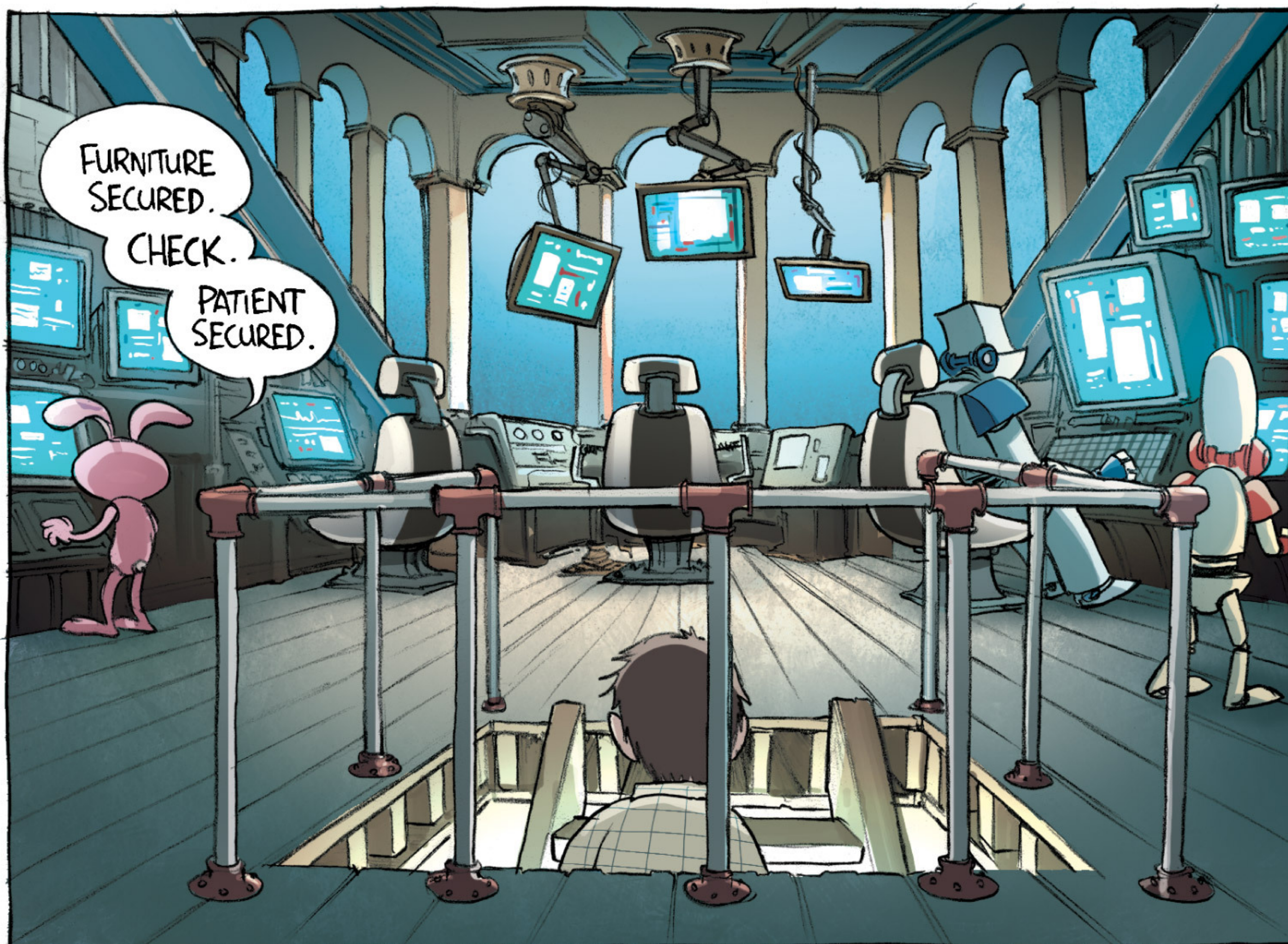


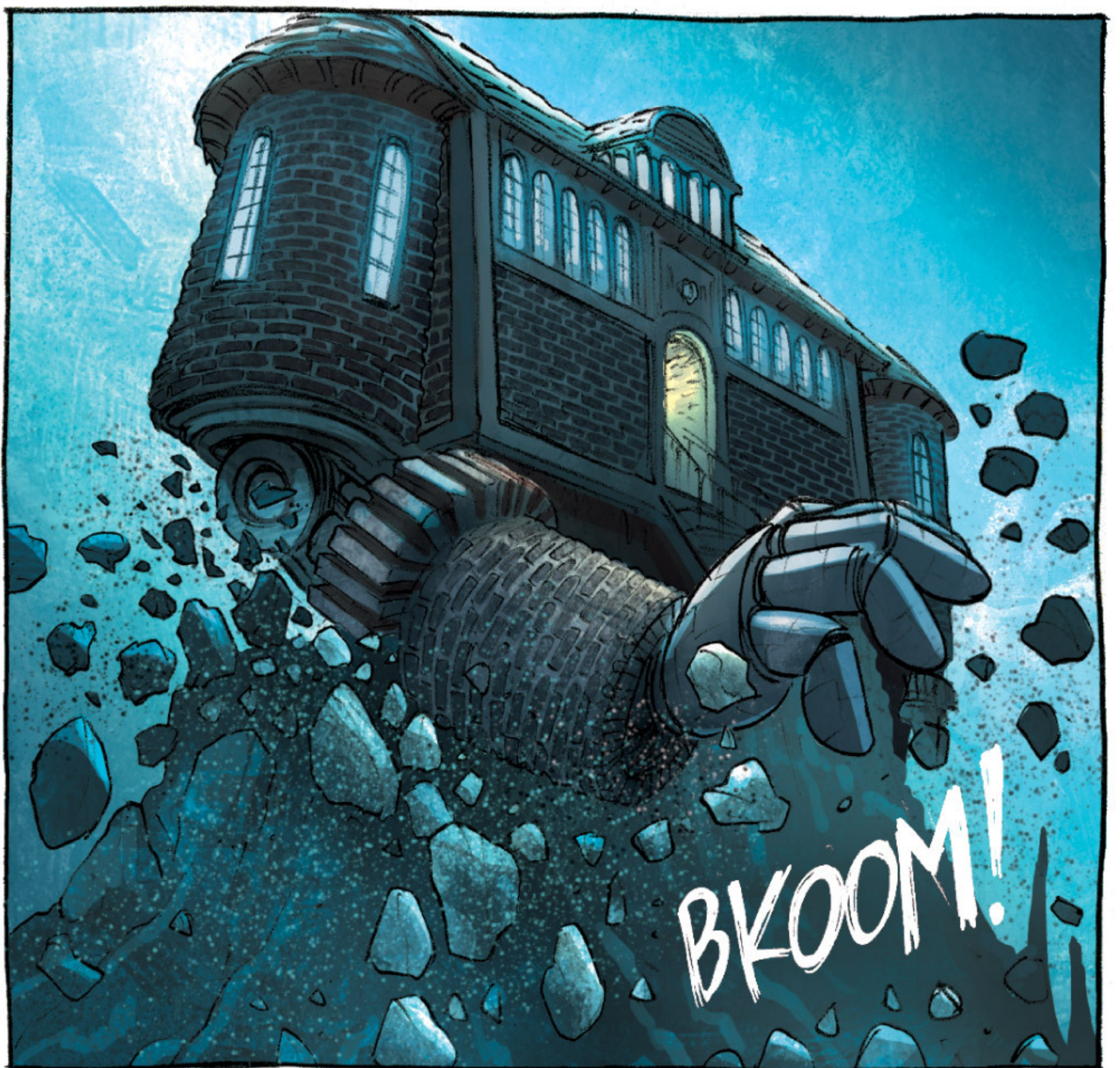
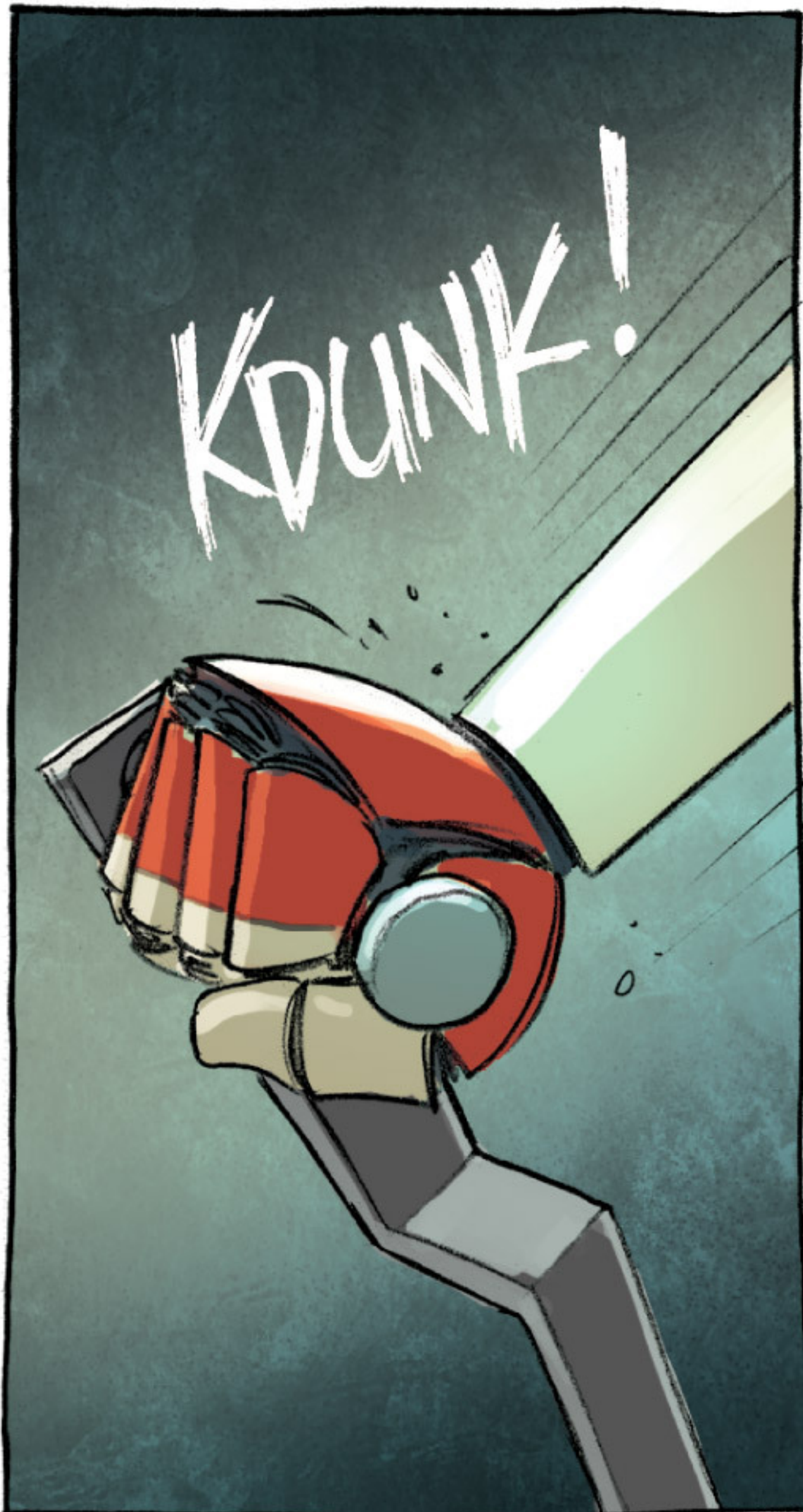
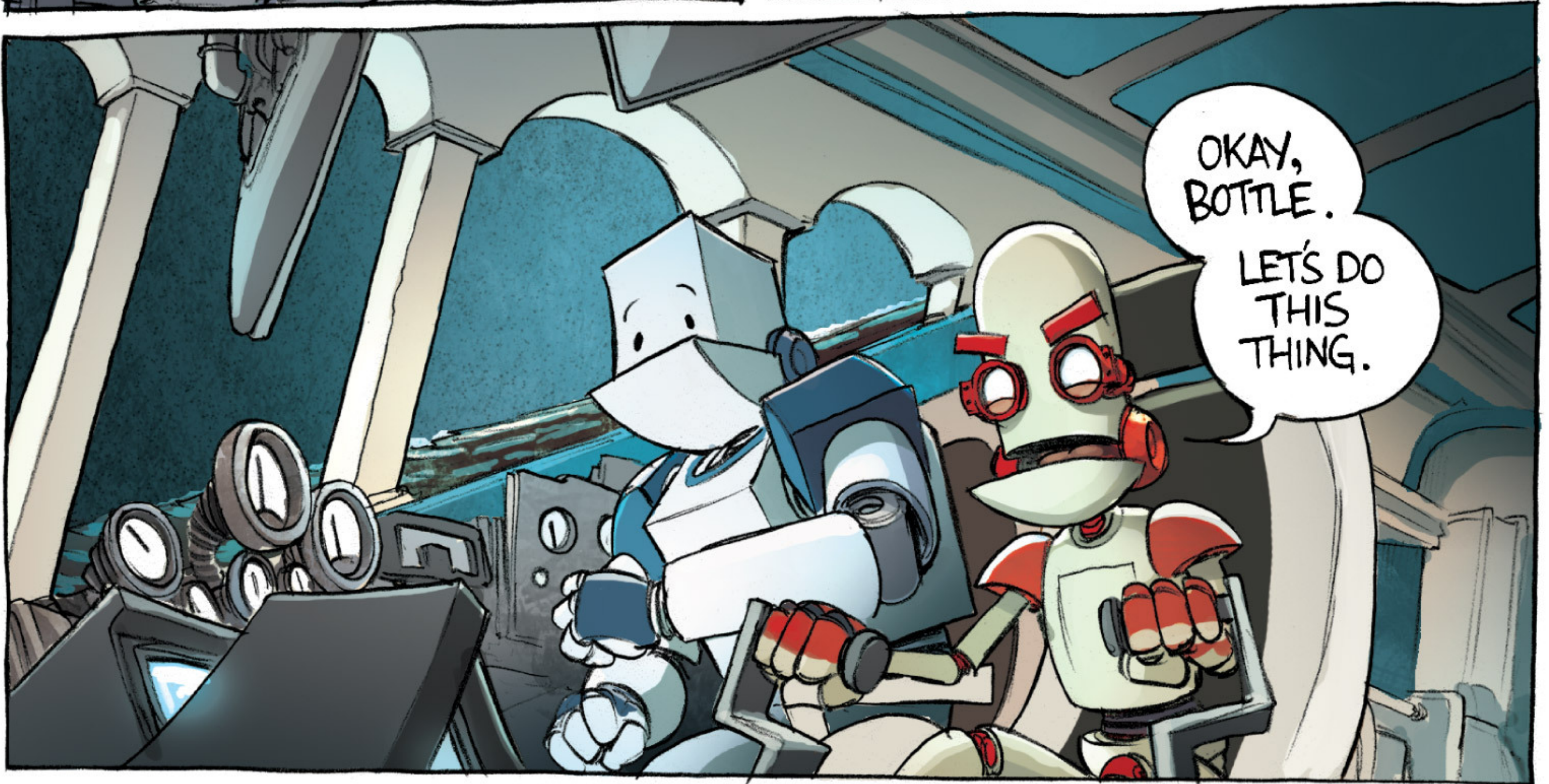
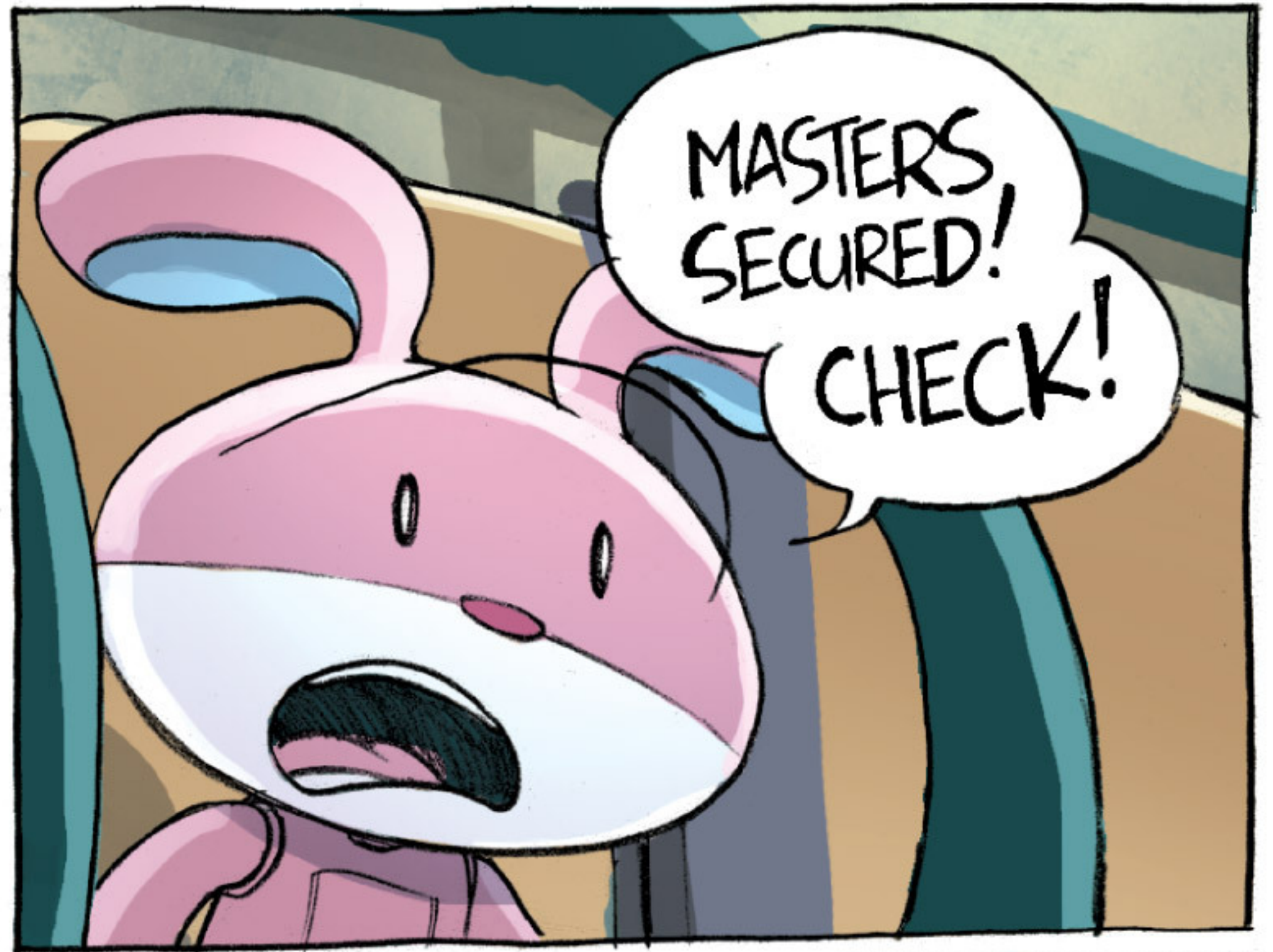
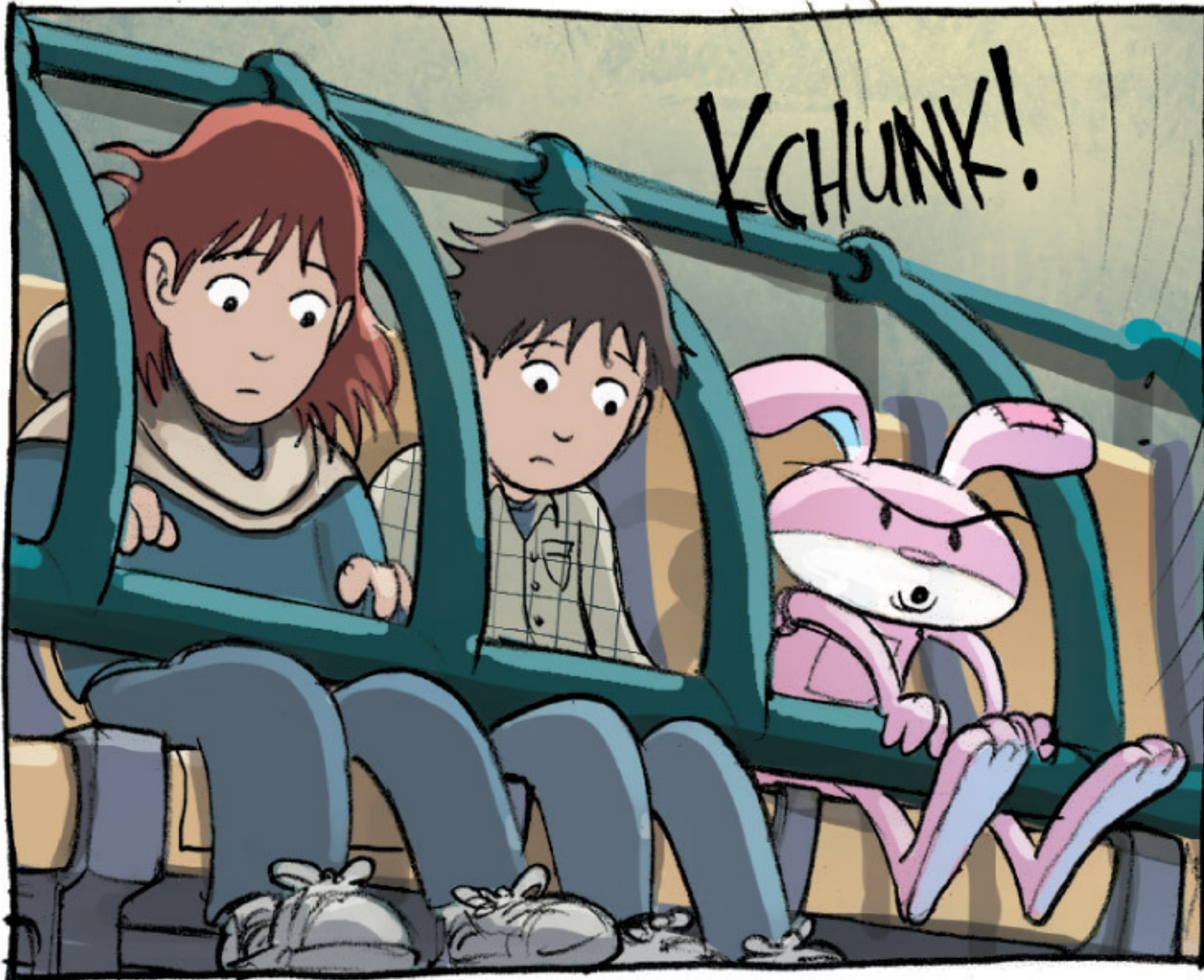


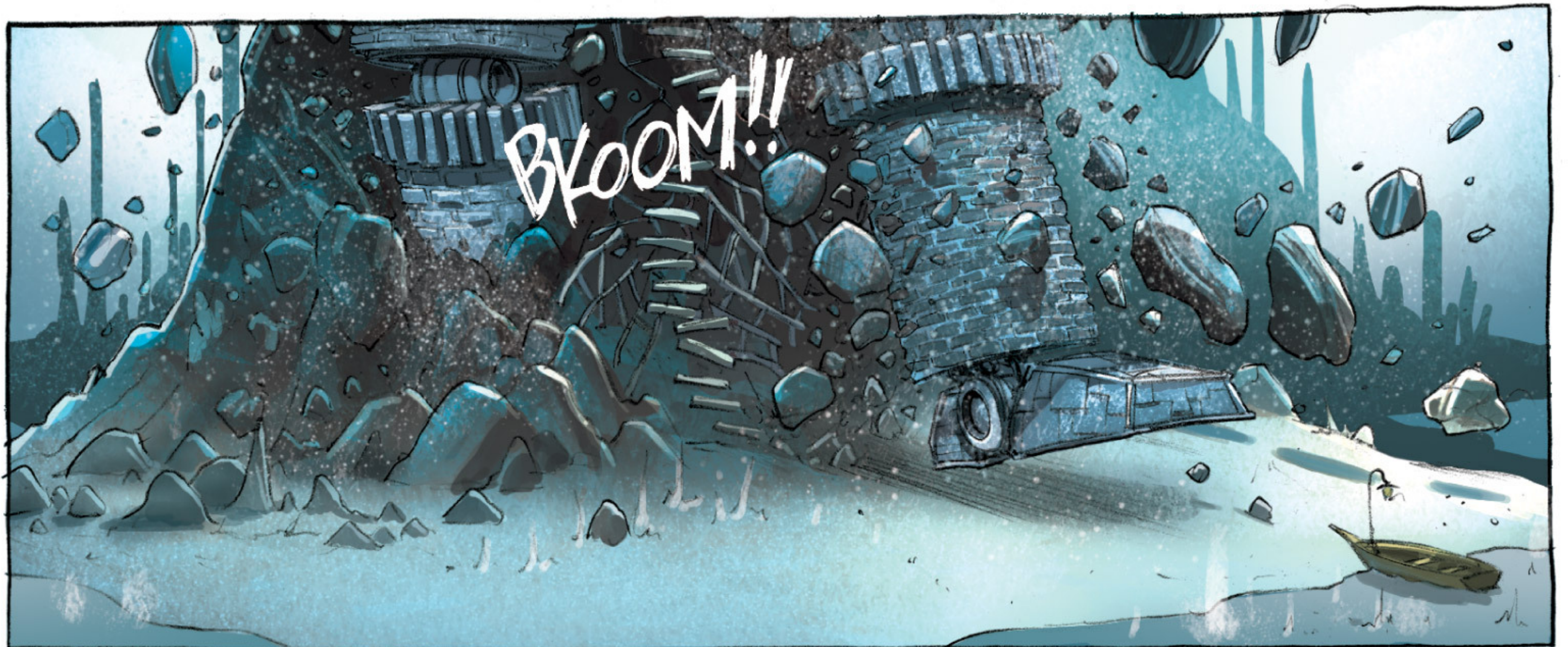
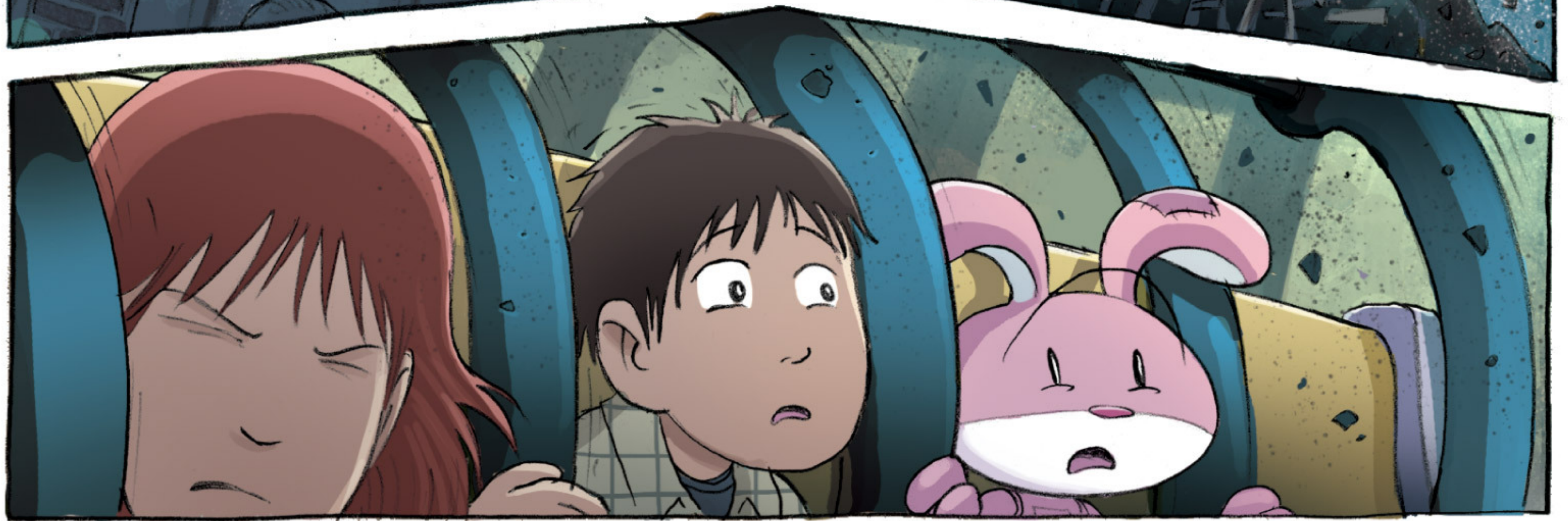
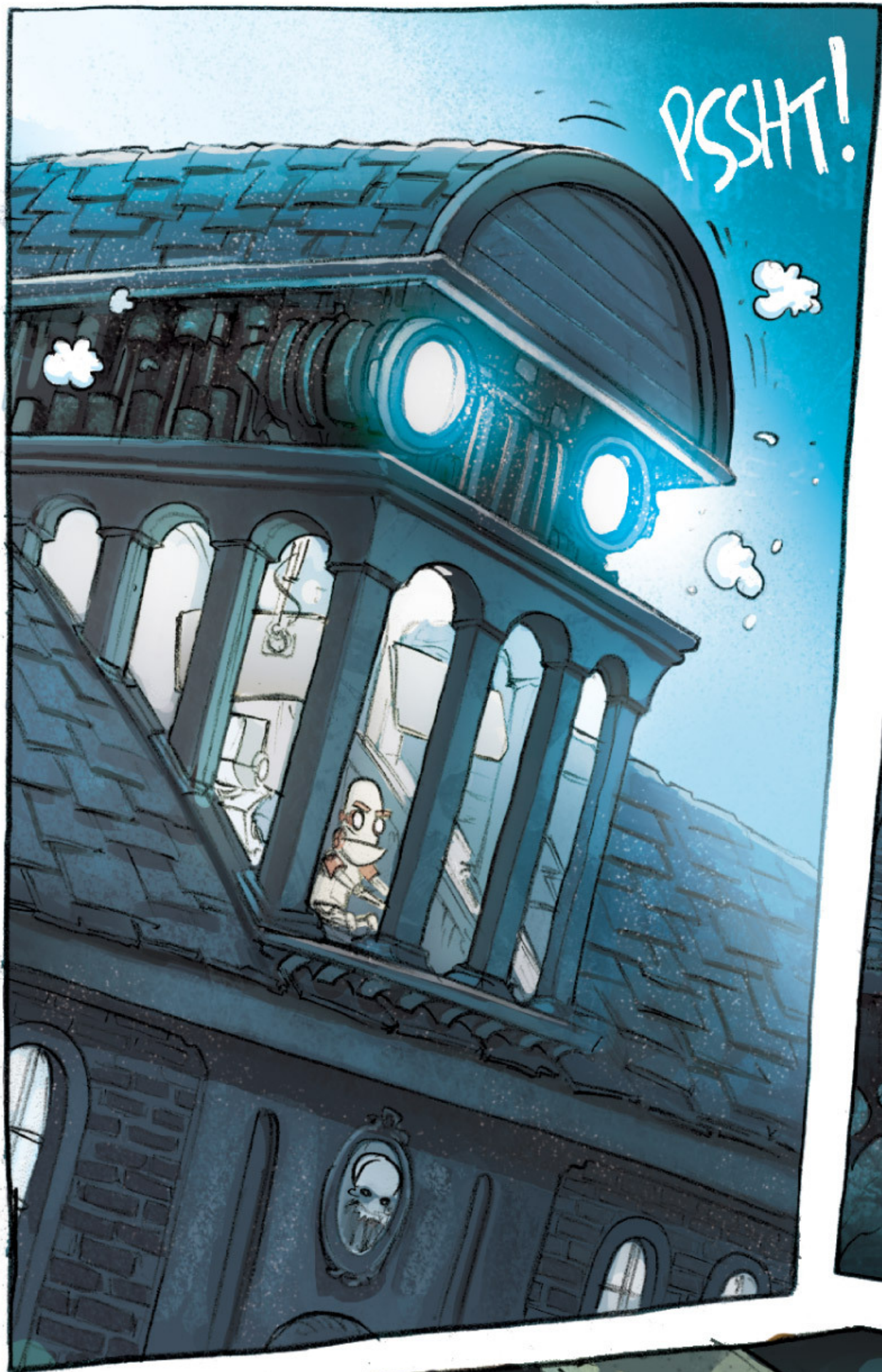


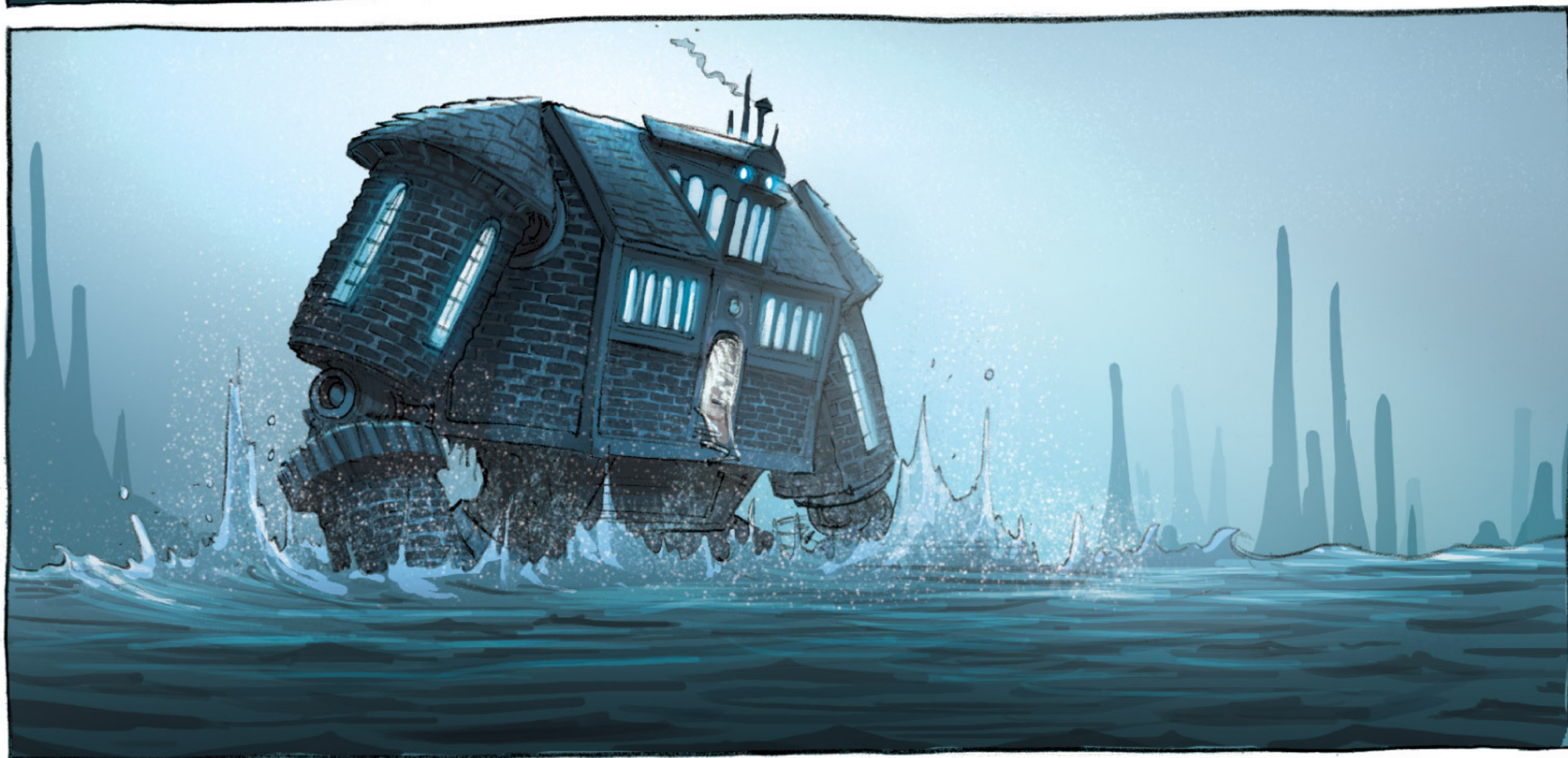




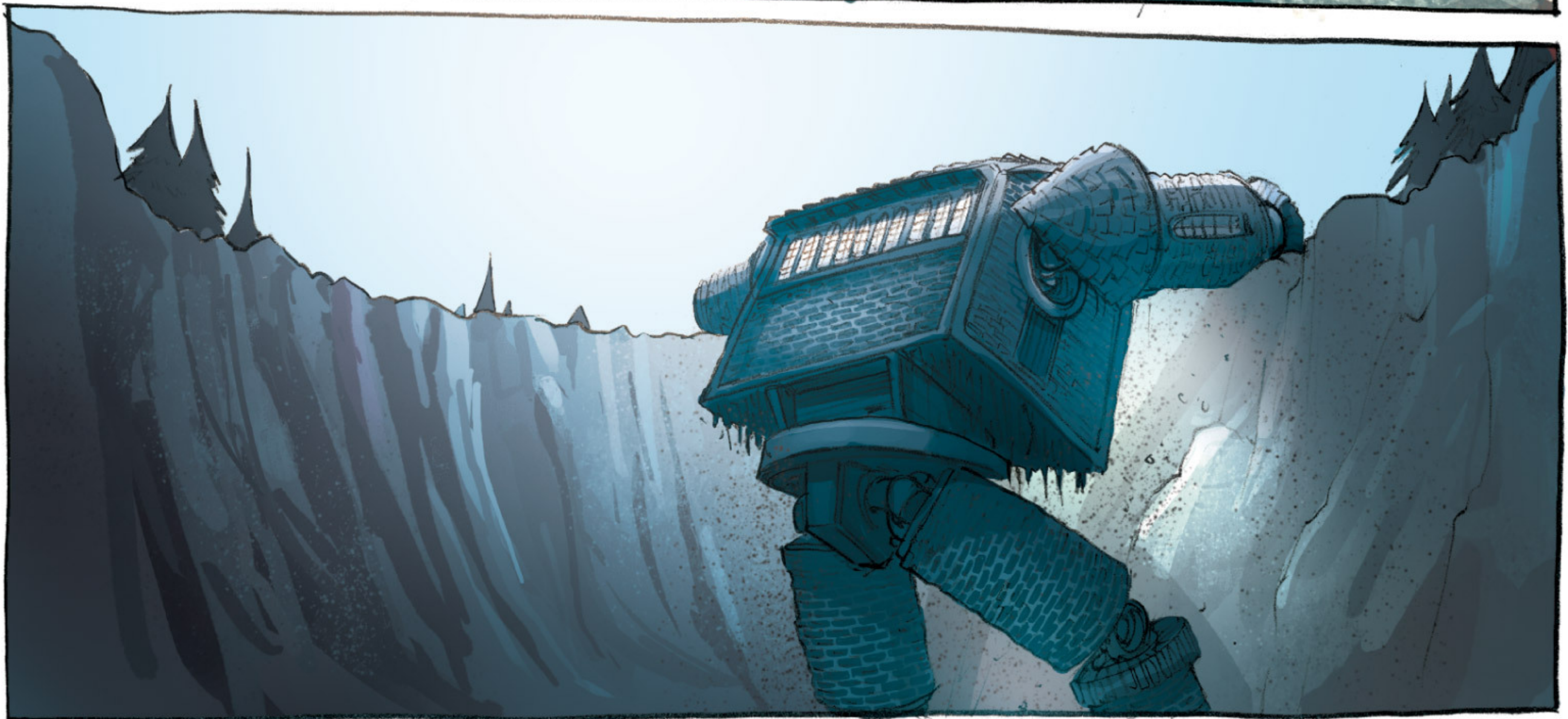
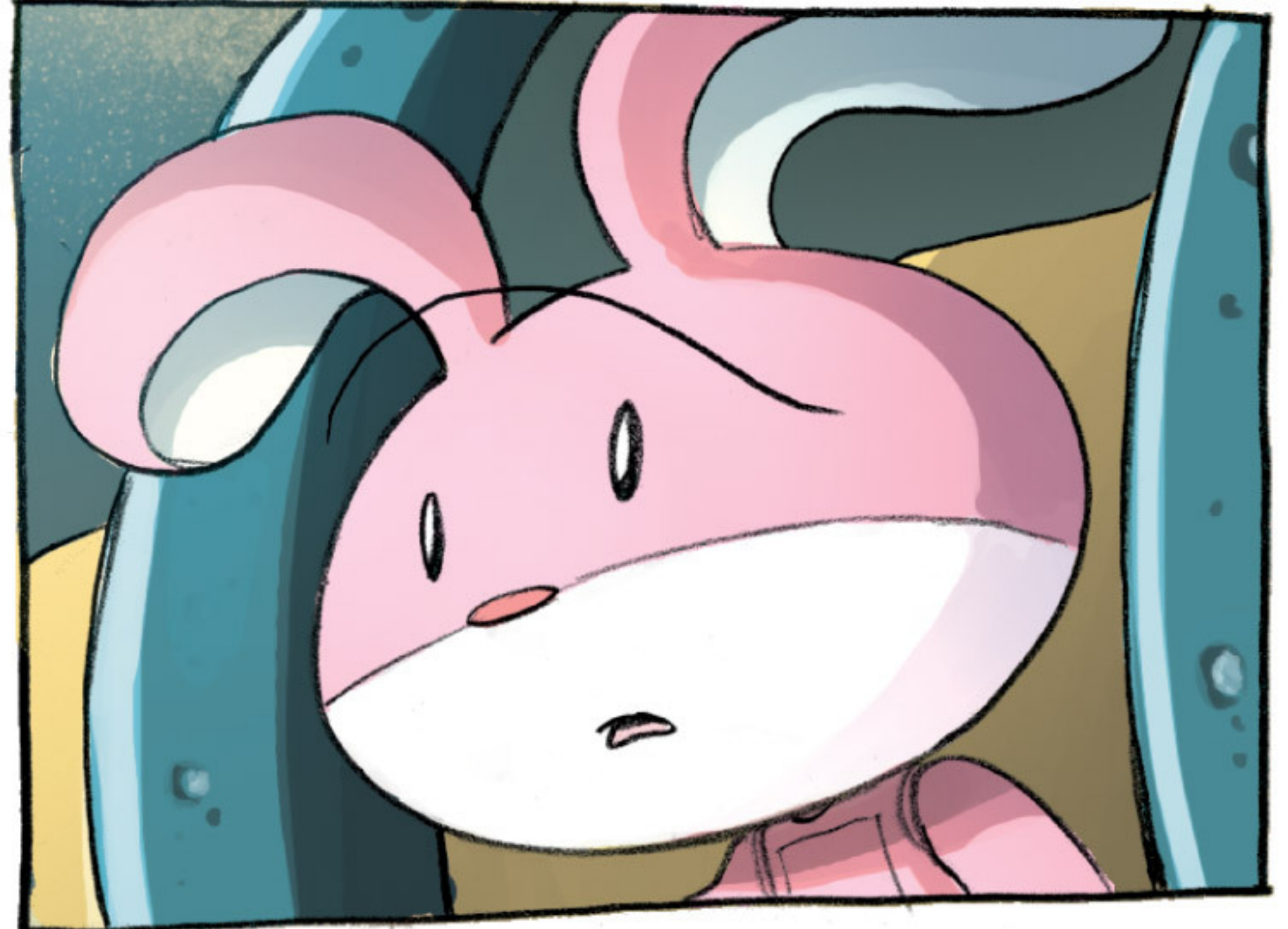
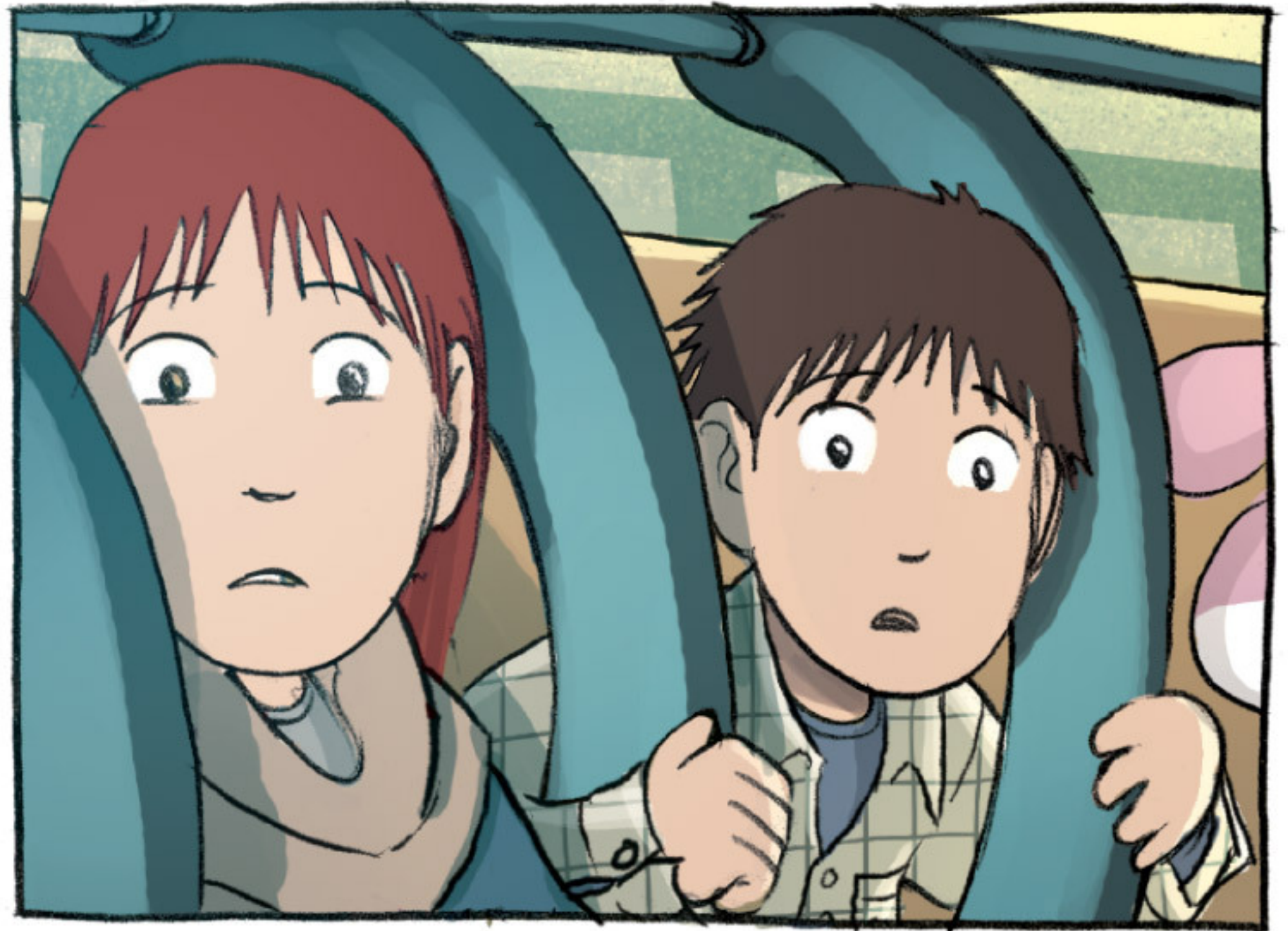












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